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Inspired by the policy of Peter the Great, by which Russia needs an "open door" towards the north-west, the Soviet leaders are unlikely ever to admit the Reich's right to control heretofore free and neutral Scandinavia.

DRAGGING ITALY INTO WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
Renewed German pressure upon Italy, aiming at Italian participation in the present war as soon as possible, is foreseen in all foreign quarters here.

It is pointed out that the Germans are now mainly harping on the theme that "under present circumstances Italy's intervention would hasten the end of the conflict."

This attitude is somewhat different to that adopted by the Reich last September, when the German leaders insisted the German army was strong enough to cope alone with the Allies.—Havas.

GLOOM IN GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
Foreign quarters in Berlin are of opinion that Ribbentrop's speech was aimed at cheering up the gloomy feeling prevailing in the Reich following publication of the first list of casualties in Norway.

Unofficial estimates are that 7,000 German sailors and soldiers perished by drowning while being transported to Scandinavia.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, moderate, cloudy generally.

This is all the more logical as the costly Russian campaign in Finland aimed precisely at securing the freedom of the north-western seas.

The fact that the Russians have not yet made their stand clear is due to the prevalent belief in Moscow that the German successes in Norway are merely local and temporary and are not likely to give the Reich a real victory there.

Not the slightest doubt remains that the Russians will never condone the German invasion of Scandinavia and it is expected that the Russians are likely to take a spectacular decision, such as the occupation of the Aaland Islands, should the Germans violate Swedish neutrality.—Havas.

MERELY A PRELUDE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

On the Trondheim Front, To-day.

General Bethouard, commander of the French expeditionary forces in Norway, told Havas yesterday that the present phase of the war in Norway is merely the prelude to large-scale operations.

He added: "We must have a lot of patience and tenacity."

General Bethouard expressed satisfaction at the health of the troops in Norway despite the blizzards. He pointed out that the troops were perfectly equipped.

Describing the German bombing of Namsos, General Bethouard said the bombing lasted five hours and not a single house was left standing. The whole town was razed. Fortunately the population had been evacuated six hours earlier.—Havas.



The naval battle at Narvik. Photo shows one of the seven German destroyers put out of action on fire after the pounding of British guns. (Photo. By courtesy of "The Times.")

POLITICS BANNED IN BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.
A Royal Decree issued yesterday bans all public meetings, demonstrations and parades throughout the country as long as the army remains on a war footing. Violation of the rule will be severely punished.—Havas.

NAZI PARACHUTIST MYSTERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.
A few nights ago a German plane dropped five parachutists near the Franco-Belgian border, according to the "Gazette." The parachutists entered France but, says the "Gazette," it is improbable that they succeeded in re-crossing into Belgium.—Havas.

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MILITARY SURVEY OF THE WAR IN NORWAY

London, To-day.

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK about treachery and the use of the "Fifth Column" in Norway, but not everyone may realise that this is part of the doctrine created by the German General Staff and the Nazi Government, said Captain Cyril Falls, Military Correspondent of "The Times," in a broadcast yesterday.

While "deception" is one of the normal artifices of war, the German method is to employ methods of corruption and treachery in an attempt to win a campaign before it is really started.

The Germans had hoped that in Norway, as in Denmark, there would be little or no resistance. They also miscalculated the naval factor. The Norwegians are resisting and the Allied troops are going to their aid, while the German Navy has been so crippled that it is now a less serious menace in the calculations of the Allies and even of the neutrals.

DIFFICULT SITUATION

The situation in Norway is difficult for two main reasons.

Firstly, although we can interrupt the passage of German troops to Oslo and have, indeed, already caused thousands of casualties of the most serious kind to morale—through death by drowning—it is practically impossible to stop this traffic altogether. In fact, the Germans can send reinforcements with less difficulty than the Allies can.

Secondly, Nazi air bases are closer, so that their planes can harry the Allied troops more than we can theirs. We have already done a good deal towards offsetting this by bombing air bases and have, indeed, inflicted heavier losses than we have suffered.

We have also sent some fighter planes to attack the Nazi bombers. But it must be remembered that the Germans are at the moment in possession of most of the airfields in Norway, so that we can operate only on a small scale.

LACK OF TRAINING

But by far the greatest difficulty and one which must put a temporary check on plans for taking Trondheim is the fact that the gallant Norwegian troops were taken entirely by surprise. The Norwegians had no chance to mobilise men or resources. The lack of military training and experience in a country which has not been at war for well over a century are factors of difficulty which must be surmounted.

It is largely due to this that the Germans managed to advance so rapidly up the two valleys from Oslo, the Gudbrandsdal and the Osterdal.

We did not expect this campaign to be easy. More troops are being landed, supported by anti-aircraft guns.

Despite repeated attacks from the south, the Germans are still some way from the garrison at Trondheim.

MINOR AFFAIR

It is this advance which is of real

CANDID ADMISSION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

NO ONE IN BRITAIN, AND PROBABLY FEW OUTSIDE GERMANY, EVER DOUBTED UPON WHOSE SHOULDERS RESTED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESENT WAR, BUT IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT A SIMILAR CONCLUSION IS ADMITTED BY A GERMAN OFFICER.

In spite of Ribbentrop's claim on April 27 that the Allies forced war on Germany, a broadcast on April 20 by a German officer gave a different view.

He said: "On January 24, the Fuehrer, addressing 7,000 Germans just about to be commissioned as officers, stated that Germany has to demand same sacrifices from her soldiers as in previous wars. He said that this war was bound to come at some time and the Fuehrer wanted to conduct this war while he is still alive as it would be cowardly to shoulder the next generation with this struggle."

This also confirms Hitler's statement to Sir N. Henderson that he could not wait for the war till he was older.—British Wireless.

importance, not the set-back at Steinkjer, which was a minor affair due to the local commander's justifiable anxiety to cover as much ground as possible towards Trondheim before the enemy advanced.

The damage at Steinkjer could be quickly repaired if the main German forces advancing up the two valleys are held up. This is the news we shall be watching during the next few days.

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TO-MORROW: "THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII"

JARDINE'S ROBBED FOR 18 MONTHS

Koo Ka-ming, 25, clerk, was further remanded by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, on charges of fraudulent conversion of \$2,135.45, received by him on account of Jardine Matheson and Company.

It was alleged that embezzlements took place between September 27, 1938, and January 25 this year.

Defendant, pleading guilty, said he spent all the money to support his family. He had had every intention of paying back the money.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth, for the prosecution, said defendant had been in the company for about six years, starting with \$40 salary, increasing to \$85 a month this year. He was clerk in the import department, in charge of removal of goods out of godown. Each time he made out an order for goods, he took out more than was ordered. When stock was checked, suspicion was aroused and defendant was accused. It was alleged that defendant had spent nearly \$10,000 since he took up the job.

Mr. Blyth asked the Court to impose the maximum sentence.

The case was adjourned for consideration of sentence.

Det. Sergeant Brooks represented the Police.

DAIRY FARM CHEATED

Leung Chiu, 25, prisoner at Stanley, serving six months' hard labour since March 7 last on conviction for conspiracy to rob, was before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with larceny by servant of five ice-boxes from the Dairy Farm between November and February.

Det.-Sgt. Baldwin stated that accused, while working for the Dairy Farm, sold five ice-boxes to various people without the knowledge of the Company.

When recently the Company checked the store room, they found five boxes short.

SIX CASES OF DUTIABLE TOBACCO

For possession of 330 pounds of dutiable tobacco in a Des Vaux Road Central shop, Ng Fook, 30, was fined \$2,300 or six months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards this morning.

The tobacco was contained in six cases, which were found in the shop.

WOMAN KILLED WHILE FLYING A KITE

A young married woman, Yau Wai-ching, of No. 263, Cheung Sa Wan Road, was killed instantly yesterday when she fell from the roof of her residence, while flying a kite.

TAIKOO ACCIDENT

Two workmen, Mak Hing, 30, and Leung Mak-yeung, were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital from Taikoo Dock with serious injuries yesterday, when an iron bracket fell on them. Mak Hing died as a result of his injuries.

KOWLOON DOCKS THEFT

Charged with breaking into the store-room at Kowloon Docks on April 24 and stealing seven bars of white metal, Ng Chi-keung, 20, and Leung Ngan, 23, were remanded by Mr. R. Edwards this morning.

MME. LUPESCU IN LONDON

Mme. Lupescu, red-haired friend of King Carol of Rumania is in London.

She left Rumania just before Carol raised the ban on the Iron Guard, the members of which are her sworn enemies.

She is expected to stay in England only a short time before going to the United States.

Mme. Lupescu has, for years, had two accommodation passports which enable her to move about the continent with her identity concealed.

As a friendly neutral, Mme. Lupescu would have no difficulty in landing in Britain as a visiting alien so long as a reputable person guaranteed her.

FIRST LOSS TO SUICIDE GANG

First of "the Suicide Gang," the men of the Scottish trawlers who dare death from the skies, has gone down in the sea he served.

He was Robert Liston, of Leith. When his ship, Star of the Isles, was attacked by a German plane last month, it was Liston, fisherman turned gunner, who drove off the diving bomber.

As Liston left home for that fighting trip he had laughingly told his wife: "Make it a boy this time," for Mrs. Liston was about to be a mother again.

And just as Gunner Liston was pouring bullets at the Heinkel, his second child was born—a girl.

BOB WAS SAFE

"I heard the news on the radio," his wife said later, "and pressed my baby to me and prayed that Bob was safe."

Bob was safe and came home, laughing again, to jest with his wife and hold his new daughter proudly in his arms.

The Suicide Gang cannot stay at home. Robert Liston sailed again on other ships.

His last was the Leith trawler Ocean Drift. Last Sunday she was in collision with another trawler and sank in the North Sea.

Two of her crew were missing. One of them was Robert Liston.

They told the news to Mrs. Liston in her home in Leith. She wouldn't believe it. "Bob always comes back," she said.

Eight survivors of the Ocean Drift arrived at an Edinburgh station. Mrs. Liston, with her elder three-year-old daughter, was waiting for them.

She watched them file out of the compartment. Then she knew. Bob wasn't coming back.

She sat down on a porter's barrow, hugged her little girl, and they wept together.

KOWLOON TONG CLUB CABARET-DANCE

A Buffet Supper dance, in aid of the British War Organisation and Chinese War Relief Funds, will be held at Kowloon Tong Club on May 18.

A variety cabaret programme is being arranged. There will also be spot dances and raffles.

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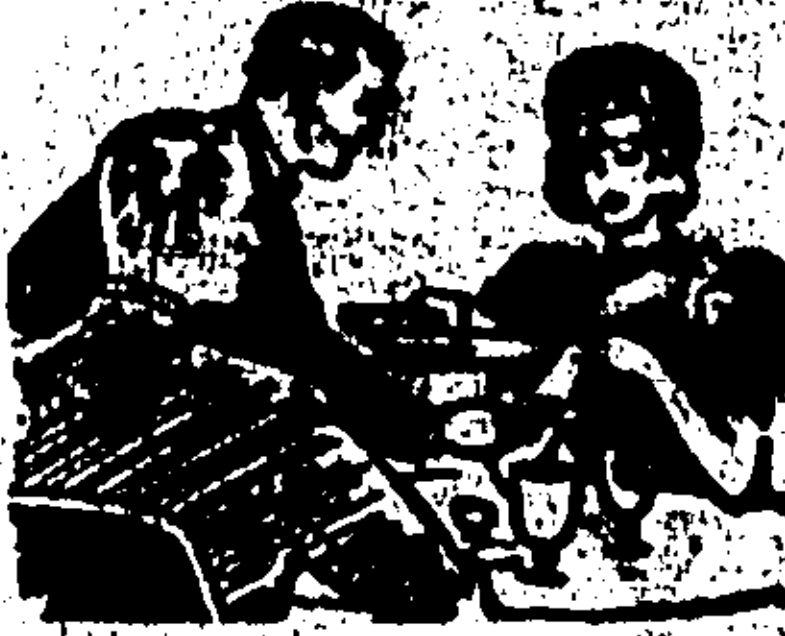
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.
RUMANIA AND YUGO-SLAVIA HAVE FLATLY TURNED DOWN A HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL TO STRETCH A POINT IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF THE DANUBE AND ALLOW GERMAN GUNBOATS ON THE RIVER.

Hungary's proposal was addressed to Bucharest, Belgrade and Sofia, urging that bordering states and Germany carry out joint policing of the Danube. Sofia has not yet replied.

RIBBENTROP FALLS VERY FLAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reports that Ribbentrop's speech disappointed the pressmen and diplomats assembled to hear it; they had hoped for sensational revelations, as had been widely advertised.

Apparently Ribbentrop's statement was modified at the last minute and certain decisions which were to be announced were adjourned.

Meanwhile, Swiss quarters hope and expect that Sweden will pursue energetic measures to protect her neutrality and independence in spite of Ribbentrop's overtures to Stockholm. — Havas.

PREMIER TO MAKE A STATEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is believed Mr. Chamberlain will make an important statement on the military situation in Norway in the Commons on Tuesday.

Members of Parliament, while realising that discretion must be observed regarding information of a military character, believe that at present information can be communicated without the danger of its serving the enemy's purpose. — Havas.

It is recalled that similar proposals were submitted last March at the Belgrade conference of the Balkan Entente, but the conference turned down the scheme then.

At the time, Hungary agreed to this plan but reserved the right to make new suggestions at future date.

Later reports asserted Germany had exerted pressure on Budapest to secure a change in the policing of the Danube. Budapest originally denied these rumours but apparently they were substantiated. — Havas.

SOVIET BID FOR TRADE IN BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SOVIET EFFORTS TO RESUME THE TRADE PARLEYS WITH BRITAIN ARE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT HERE AS INDICATION OF THE KREMLIN'S DESIRE TO PRESERVE NEUTRALITY WHILE THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT HAS BEEN SHIFTED NORTHWARD.

Authoritative British quarters affirm once more that while Britain is ready to resume normal trade intercourse with the Soviet, Britain will have to ask the Kremlin for an assurance that Russia will not take advantage of better trade facilities with Britain to increase her supplies to Germany. — Havas.

"NOTHING TO REPORT" OR LITTLE

Paris, To-day.

The communique of G.H.Q. last night stated that there was nothing to report except some artillery fire and a local encounter west of Vosges in the course of which we inflicted losses on the enemy. — Reuter.



The second battle of Narvik. H.M.S. Warspite photographed the fjord. (Photo by courtesy of "The Times").

SAVAGE NAZI RAIDS ON TWO OPEN TOWNS

London, To-day.

The Norwegian Telegraph Agency announces that German bombers made a fresh wave of murder raids during the week-end, marked especially by furious aerial bombardment of two undefended towns, Aalesund and Molde.

People in the streets of Aalesund were machine-gunned and the city was extensively damaged. The attack was one of undisguised terrorism.

GERMAN POSITION "WEAKENED"

Istanbul, April 9.

Turkish public opinion has been following with the keenest interest the development of events during the last 48 hours. The Press in general approves of the action which the Allies have taken in Scandinavia, and considers that the extension of war like operations toward the north is weakening the position of Germany.

At the same time the prevailing view here is that this new phase of the war may sooner or later affect South-Eastern Europe; there is no undue pessimism, but it is thought that the contemplated tightening of the economic blockade by the Allies is likely to cause complications in the Balkans. In face of a situation which is pregnant with all kinds of possibilities, Turkey remains watchful and steady, and adheres to the policy which has been described repeatedly by responsible Turkish statesmen. That policy may be summarised under the following heads: (1) To do her utmost to preserve peace, provided that it guarantees the independence and safety of all countries within the areas that are considered vital for Turkey—namely, the Balkans, the Eastern Mediterranean, and the Middle East; (2) In the meantime to prepare for all eventualities by perfecting the armaments of modern warfare; (3) If the maintenance of peace in this part of the world should prove impossible, to fulfil the duties which fall to Turkey under her agreements with Great Britain and France.

It lasted for over two hours and six planes came over at a time, in relays, crossing and recrossing the city dropping five hundred pound bombs.

Many private houses were completely destroyed and many others were rendered uninhabitable.

A large church, which had an enormous cross clearly marked on the roof, received a direct hit from low-flying planes. People in the streets were machine-gunned and Red Cross workers trying to save the wounded and injured were forced to return to shelter owing to the intensity of the machine-gun fire.

Yesterday afternoon, a similar attack was concentrated upon Molde and the experience of the town differed little except in detail from that of Aalesund. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI HAVING PORKLESS DAYS

Shanghai, To-day.

Almost all the pork dealers of the French Concession and International Settlement were compelled to suspend business yesterday when they were unable to obtain fresh supplies owing to the heavy taxes imposed by the Japanese authorities. — Reuter.

SPANISH PAINTER PASSES

Madrid, To-day.

The celebrated Spanish painter, Senor Rosquin Mir, died yesterday at the age of 66 years. — Reuter.

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"Ribbentrop Could Only Deceive Children" NEUTRAL COMMENT ON LATEST FATUITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.
**THE BELGIAN NEWSPAPER, "MATIN" COMMENT-
ING ON VON RIBBENTROP'S SPEECH STATES:
"THE FATUITY OF SUCH A MANOEUVRE CAN
ONLY DECEIVE CHILDREN."**

The "St. Louis Post" states Ribbentrop's explanation cannot explain away the plain facts of the brutal invasion.

The Italian "Forze armate" states that the Norwegian defence, "galvanised by the presence of Allied troops," is showing itself more active and more general.

"The stake is high and gigantic forces face each other; the struggle therefore will be very stern."

The Swiss, "Basler" comments: "The German Blitzkrieg, which was to vanquish Scandinavia within a few days, has failed."

It cannot longer be denied after the mysterious failure to carry out the monster attack on British trans-ports.

This wasted opportunity cannot easily be regained.—Reuter.

Categorical Denial By Norwegians

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE NORWEGIAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON CATEGORICALLY DENIES THAT THERE HAS EVER BEEN ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AND ANY OTHER POWERS CONCERNING THE USE OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORY FOR MILITARY OR NAVAL FORCES OR OTHER FACILITIES.

The new German White Paper is similar to the methods used by Berlin to "justify" the invasion of Belgium in the last war.

There has never been any collusion between Norway and Britain against Germany; the Legation states, and the Germans could not have found any documents showing that Norway was preparing for war for no such action was contemplated.—Reuter.

Discredits Itself

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
American political quarters assert that Ribbentrop's speech did nothing to alter the United States' strong condemnatory attitude towards aggression. They dismiss Ribbentrop's assertion that plans drafted by the British Admiralty for the invasion of Norway were found on the bodies of men killed in action. They add that the allegation discredits itself.—Havas.

Italy Disappointed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
POLITICAL QUARTERS IN HOME SHOWED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE CONTENTS OF RIBBENTROP'S SPEECH, SPECULATING WHETHER THE SEVERE ACCUSATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DO NOT FORESHADOW STRICTER GERMAN ACTION IN NORWAY.

In Amsterdam and Brussels, the speech was classified as an attempt to justify the Norwegian campaign in the eyes of the German people.

Observers in both cities declared themselves sceptical regarding the veracity of the White Paper.—Havas.

Nazis Tied Up In Own Contradictions

London, To-day.

British observers watch with interest the contradictions in which Nazi propaganda has become involved in its laboured efforts to justify the German attack upon Norway.

One example of many is the contradiction in the pretence to the bogus docu-

mentation published by Herr von Ribbentrop on Saturday: "The Norwegian Government was ready from the beginning not only readily to accept any violation of its neutrality by England but also to join hands with England."

If this were true—and of course it has no vestige of truth—how misinformed the Nazi Government must have been about the government and country which, in their first explanations of their sudden treacherous aggression, they represented they were taking "under Germany's protection to prevent hostile attack."

The Nazi Government were not misinformed. The first explanations and new explanations of their invasion of a neutral neighbour are in the British view alike merely calculated compositions of allegation and inference, invented to serve the purpose of the hour.

It seems that Nazi propaganda lost in admiration of its own versatility has now entirely forgotten the importance of consistency.—British Wireless.

MEANING OF GERMAN PROTECTION

London, To-day.

The issue of the Danish newspaper, "Politiken," for April 15, which has now reached London, contains matter confirming the expectation that the Nazis would not long wait to exploit the new "Protectorate."

Already the rationing of margarine has begun. A photograph of a ration card appears on the front page of "Politiken."

The caption below remarks "Coupon D in the lefthand corner is valid for margarine. Margarine rationing starts to-day. Until May 1, individuals are entitled to only 250 grammes of margarine or palmin. Manufacture of margarine and palmin has ceased meanwhile."

In case unfortunate Danes should take hope for better things after May Day, it is stated in the course of a fuller explanation in the news column, "Keep the other coupons. You will have to use them later."

The implications of this measure are touched on in a leading article which observes that that section of the Danish public which "has, until now, bought margarine from motives of economy, will be faced with new expenditure."

Other items significant of the presence of invaders are a warning on another page to readers not to kill poultry, and instructions how to recognise the currency used by German troops.—British Wireless.

TAKING A HOLIDAY

Berlin, To-day.

Mr. Steinhardt, the American Ambassador in Moscow, has left for the United States on leave, according to a Moscow telegram.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP THESIS AN INSULT

New York, To-day.

The Ribbentrop's statement to neutral diplomats was an insult to the world's intelligence, says the "New York Herald Tribune."

Ribbentrop's thesis could be compared with a man who, on being charged with murder, stated that he had heard someone else was about to murder the victim and so he hurried in and murdered him himself to save him!

The "New York Times" says that if it comes to a question of veracity the world will know how to choose between the word of Norway and Britain and that of the German Government.—Reuter.

JAPANESE COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL

Chungking, To-day.

Fighting in central China on the Hupeh, Hunan and Kiangsi fronts was confined to localised operations during the week-end.

The Japanese counter attack from Nanchang was resumed on Saturday. Fighting raged in the vicinity of Fenghsin where Chinese forces firmly held their ground.

North of Fenghsin, two assaults on Chienchowhu were launched by the Japanese. The Chinese positions were maintained.

On the Tungpeishan sector, Chinese

HALIFAX SEES ITALIAN AMBASSADOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, held a half-hour conversation with the Italian Ambassador, Signor Giuseppe Bastianini, the "Sunday Times" reports.

The paper also says that the special British delegate who went to Rome at the time of the Anglo-Italian coal dispute, has returned to London.—Havas.

CARRYING ON THE GOOD WORK

Bucharest, To-day.

A German military plane landed on the aerodrome here yesterday morning.

Two civilian passengers were welcomed by a number of Germans and the Rumanian Director of Civil Aviation.

The plane left for Sofia after half an hour.

Rumanian official circles refused to comment but according to a generally well-informed source, the plane brought copies of the German White Paper containing "evidence" of Britain's intentions in Scandinavia.

forces have recaptured Tamiao and are advancing steadily on Pingchingwan.—Central News.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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Picture taken over the aerodrome at Stavanger, shows one of the recent attacks by the Royal Air Force. Taken from a height of 4,000ft., shows bombs dropping. Blobs on the airfields (right) are of bombs exploding within a few feet of an enemy aircraft, and on the extremity of the runway. In the same picture three JU 52. transport aircraft appear to be damaged, the whole of the aerodrome is pitted with bomb craters from this and other R.A.F. raids and naval bombardments. British Official Photograph (Crown Copyright Reserved).

ALLIED WAR MACHINE WORKING SMOOTHLY

London, To-day.

THE ALLIED WAR MACHINE IS working smoothly and efficiently along the front north of Trondheim, says Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Allied forces there.

Already, many thousands of British and French troops have safely disembarked at Namsos and moved up silently to points of action around Steinkjer.

"I am officially informed that the Allies were forced to abandon Steinkjer itself last week because the town was completely gutted by German incendiary bombs, but strong British, French and Norwegian units are now in position north of the town," he cables.

The correspondent, who reached the north Trondheim region after a most hazardous 36-hour journey from the Swedish frontier by a horse-drawn sledge over the mountains and frozen lakes of Central Norway, tells the story of the capture of a crew of three from a German bomber which was forced to land on Lake Imminghem.

The men were taken into custody by three Norwegian peasants and a Customs official, to whom the Germans politely surrendered while concealed peasants covered the airmen with rifles.

The correspondent also tells of seeing a low-flying Nazi bomber bombing a railway station and machine-gunning a British detachment.

Confident, Cheerful

All British and French troops he encountered were well-armed and well-equipped, confident and cheerful. Many of the French Alpine troops were on skis.

He interviewed General Carton De Wiart in the British Headquarters established in a little Norwegian village. General Carton de Wiart, who was recalled from retirement on the outbreak of war as a V.C., who was eight times wounded in the Great War.

The General said that the position was now much better, as the men were settling down and were happy in their new environment.

Reinforcements were arriving in good numbers.

Air Attacks Reduced

The German air attacks had greatly diminished since the Allied anti-aircraft defences and fighter planes had come into action in the war zone.

There had been no raid on Namsos itself for four days, although on one occasion German planes came over on a reconnaissance flight at a great height.

General Carton De Wiart said that two German bombers had already been brought down by British fighters near Namsos.—Reuter.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Mrs. Hansen, of Hillwood Road, was the victim of a snatcher yesterday in Middle Road. Before Mr. Himsworth this morning. Wong Tak, 21, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and eight strokes for the offence.

Ng Yau, 24, who chased and arrested the snatcher, was awarded \$5 from the Poor Box.

ARMED GUARDS ON RUMANIAN OIL WELLS

Paris, To-day.
According to a Bucharest despatch, armed guards at the Rumanian oil-wells have been increased and ordered to fire on any stranger unable to give a satisfactory account of himself.
From to-night, the Bucharest aerodrome will be guarded by troops.—Reuter.

MORE LANDINGS IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The development of Allied air activity in Norway and better co-ordination of operations there, were discussed at the last Supreme War Council meeting, according to authoritative quarters.

Latest information reveals that new landings of Allied troops are assuming increased momentum, while the main Allied landing base at Andalsnes, south of Trondheim, is being strengthened and will soon become immune from air attacks.

It is expected that a single commander will be appointed to co-ordinate the Norwegian, British and French forces.—Havas.

PRINCESS JULIANA TO BROADCAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Princess Juliana is to give a special radio address to-day to listeners in the Dutch West Indies at 1 p.m. (Netherlands time).—Havas.

MERCHANT SEAMEN TELL OF ESCAPE FROM NARVIK

London, To-day.

FORTY-SEVEN BRITISH seamen, who recently escaped from the Nazi forces which occupied Narvik, arrived at Newcastle yesterday.

Thirty-two of them were from the Newcastle steamer, "North Cornwall," of 4,340 tons, which was captured by the Germans the day before the first naval battle at Narvik.

Seven were from the steamer "Blythmoor," 6,582 tons, and eight from the steamer "Mersington Court," 5,141 tons.

The men of the "North Cornwall," in an interview, said they had been kept prisoners in a whaling ship, the "Jan Wellum," but when the first battle of Narvik started they were put ashore under guard.

They escaped and, after walking 28 miles through the snow for 17 hours, they came to a village where they were greatly surprised to find about 130 men from the flotilla leader, H.M.S. Hardy, and a number of men from other merchant ships. The seamen were accommodated in a schoolroom until after the second naval battle at Narvik, when they signalled to British destroyers and were taken off.—Reuter.

AMBULANCE UNITS FOR NORWAY

London, To-day.

The British Ambulance Unit which was in Finland is now on its way to join the North-Western Expeditionary Force in Norway. It consists of 20 ambulances and 60 doctors.—Reuter.

M. COSME IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, arrived here yesterday afternoon. He was welcomed by all the French civil and military leaders of the French Concession.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Fresh Allied Forces Land At Andalsnes Further Nazi Attacks In Gudbrands Valley Repulsed With Loss

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A WAR OFFICE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT FURTHER ENEMY ATTACKS IN THE GUDBRANDSDAL VALLEY HAVE BEEN REPULSED, AND THAT FURTHER DISEMBARKATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT DESPITE ENEMY AIR ATTACKS AT ANDALSNES AND ON LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

There has been enemy air action at Narvik, but this in no way interfered with Allied operations.

Two points stand out in connection with this communique.

In the first place, it shows, for the second day in succession, that the Germans are being held up in the Gudbrandsdal Valley.

Secondly, the continued landings at Andalsnes, which is connected with the Gudbrandsdal Valley by railway, means that the Allied forces there can be either reinforced by rail or can fall back to stronger and well-supported positions.

The railway branches at Dombaas, where a line runs north to Trondheim. Eighty miles along the line is the junction at Stoeren, where a light railway runs down into the Oester Valley. Both Dombaas and Stoeren are held by the Allies.

Both Dombaas and Stoeren are clearly of great strategic value. The line is reported to be threatened by advance German units which, the main body having been held up in the Oester Valley, were sent across mountain tracks to cut it.

There has been no further news of the advance units, but Paris messages state that Allied troops have arrived at one station north of Dombaas towards which the Germans were moving.—Reuter.

German Withdrawal

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The German troops have withdrawn in the neighbourhood of Otto, south of Dombaas, where British forces are exerting heavy pressure, bringing to a halt the German advance on Dombaas, according to Swedish press reports.

The Germans are now grouped in the northern part of the Oester Valley.

German reinforcements have arrived at Roeros, taking over control of public buildings and telephone communications.—Havas.

German Advance In Serious Difficulties

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The German advance is in serious difficulties south of Kvam, according to frontier reports. Here, the Gudbrands Valley is narrow and the Allied defenders are making good use of the heights on either side.

In the Oester Valley, the Germans, using light mechanised units, have recaptured Roeros, and, being held up there, are apparently striking across country to try and seize the Dombaas to Trondheim railway line.

Detachments, therefore, are said to be heading for Kvikne and Hjerklinn.

The bulk of the German forces, however, are still far to the south, around Lake Mjoseh. Snow and other bad weather have helped to hinder the

Germans and to interfere with aerial action.—Havas.

Nazis In Roeros

London, To-day.

The Norwegian High Command in an official communique states that the fighting in Eastern Norway has continued and that the German advance has been halted.

The German troops in Oesterdal have reached Roeros, but our troops checked German pushes towards Fordal and Innset.

Several German planes in the Narvik District were destroyed by British bombers and others made forced landings and were destroyed.—Reuter.

Nazi Claim

Berlin, To-day.

The official German news agency claims: "German troops operating near Trondheim received fresh reinforcements, and captured Norwegian batteries which had been made ready for action."—Reuter.

Allies In Stoeren

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, Yesterday.

Finnish correspondents in Norway, summing up the military situation, say the Allies have advanced as far as Stoeren, 60 kilometres south of Trondheim, and are blocking the road to Stoeren to German mechanised formations.

The Allies have arrested the German advance on Jendsvold and Eytvold.

German planes are repeatedly bombing Dombaas, in the Gudbrandsdal valley.—Havas.

Nazi Communique

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Nazi High Command communique states that around Bergen mopping-up activities are being carried out in the Voss region.

Off the north-west coast of Norway (continues the Nazi communique) several ships were bombed. One minesweeper and one trawler ran ashore subsequently, while a torpedo boat developed a column of smoke.

The communique generously admits that some German planes were "damaged by splinters" as a result of an air attack on a base near Trondheim.—Havas.

Move From Bergen Held

London, Yesterday.

An official Norwegian communique states that Norwegian troops have halted German attacks at Gulsvik, on the Oslo/Bergen railway some 50 miles from Oslo.

On the Central Front, the Germans were stopped at Kvam, in the Gudbrandsdal Valley, 30 miles below

SLEIGH TRIP THROUGH BATTLE ZONE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Having completed a 46-hour trip, 35 hours of which were on sleighs, a Havas correspondent has now reached Allied headquarters north of Trondheim. The fighting around there, he says, may be divided into several phases.

Around Namsos, the Allied troops are scattered around covering strategic points such as railways and roads.

Around Trondheim Fjord, the Allies withdrew from Steinkjer to the north and east, and German troops landed from one or two destroyers recaptured the town.

At Narvik, the German garrison is being dealt with slowly, and Canadian and French Alpine troops are taking part in this action.

There is also fighting on the Oslo/Bergen railway. The Norwegians have held the Nazis up at Voss and are holding on tenaciously.—Havas.

INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN FORECAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is understood that three of the chief points discussed at the Supreme War Council meeting were:—

1. Acceleration of the landing of light artillery in Norway, especially of anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns.
2. Co-ordination of the various detachments in Norway.
3. Increases in the aerial forces.

In connection with the anti-aircraft guns already landed, it may be noted that most of the guns have been used to defend the ports.—Havas.

Dombaas (this information was received from Norway several hours after a British announcement of local limited withdrawals in this sector).

In the large valley to the east—the Oesterdal—Nazi motorised and mechanised troops advanced into Roeros, the communique concludes.—Reuter.

Nazis Entrenching

Stockholm, To-day.

According to press reports the Germans are entrenching around Orvils, where the Norwegians have cut the railway by blowing up the bridge across the fast-flowing Glommen River.

The French are reported to have been in action against a German force attempting to detour to Bangsund across the water 10 miles from Namsos.—Reuter.

LESSONS OF GALLIPOLI RECALLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

"The Government must make grave decisions and I appeal to it to remember the lesson at Gallipoli where it failed for lack of a bold policy, and other expeditions on the Belgian coast, where boldness was rewarded with success," asserted Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, who was Chief of Staff commanding the Allied Fleet at Gallipoli in 1915.—Havas.

THOUSANDS OF FRESH TROOPS LAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

On the Trondheim Front, To-day.

Many thousands of fresh British and French troops have been safely disembarked at Namsos and are being rushed to the front around Steinkjer.

Strong Norwegian, British and French units have taken positions north of Steinkjer. The Allied forces included the newly-arrived French Chasseurs Alpins.

These famous Alpine troops are mounted on skis and have with them St. Bernard dogs.

German planes have razed Namsos, and only the ruins of the church can be distinguished.

British officers state that the intensity of German air attacks has slackened since the Allies have received new anti-aircraft guns and chaser planes.

The question of supplies is now the main concern of the Allied Command, since many were destroyed during the Namsos bombing, but the question is being speedily solved.—Havas.

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FLAWS IN NAZI WAR MACHINE

Despite its formidable fighting strength and highly effective war organisation, the foundations of strength in Nazi Germany suffer from the desperate haste and ruthlessness in which the war machine was built up. The Allies' blockade already presses heavily upon the weak places and the British Government has indicated that the pressure is to be further intensified. Oil supplies are the widest gap in the German armour. Neither the Nazi air armada, nor the mechanised army, nor even the supply and transport services, can function at all without oil, of which Germany is woefully deficient. Four-fifths of her imports were formerly supplied from North and South America, from which she is now cut off. Home production of oil from coal is less than half the minimum peace-time requirements, and to make good the deficiency she is desperately seeking supplies in the east. All the Rumanian field could not supply as much as she needs, and Russia, even if she were willing to place German wants before her own, is faced with grave transport obstacles barring large and regular shipments. The rail haul from Russian centres to Germany is a long one, involving a break of gauge, and the Russian railways suffer from the same deficiencies of rolling-stock as those of Germany. Neither country possesses sufficient tank cars for the purpose, and although the Germans are doing all that they can to remedy these defects, the results achieved in the near future are not likely to be important. — "Sydney Morning Herald."

1,000,000 WOMEN

Mr. Winston Churchill's call for 1,000,000 additional women for the munitions industry is reminiscent of a similar campaign which was launched in 1915. To stimulate the recruitment of women for industry Mrs. Pankhurst organised a spectacular procession of women for munitions work. Thousands of volunteers answered the call only to find the appeal completely premature. There were very few actual vacancies open. For the great majority of women there were no recruiting centres, no training facilities, and the factories in which they were likely to work were not even built. Mr. Churchill's appeal, made at a time when there are over 1,300,000 insured workers without job, has raised some anxiety in Trade Union circles. It is unfortunate that the initial appeal should have been made without detailed discussions with the T.U.C., but there is no doubt that the nation will have to draw heavily on women's labour if industrial production is to be maintained. According to the Institute of Statistics' detailed calculations, about 4,000,000 additional women workers will be required. The present labour force is made up of approximately 15,000,000 men and 6,350,000 women. On the assumption the 3,800,000 men are required for the Armed forces, and that there is a slight net increase in the total number of workers required, it is estimated that we shall need 4,000,000 women entrants for industry and commerce. The metal industries alone will need more than 1,300,000 new wo-

men workers if production is to reach its desired level. This is an immense problem with wide implications. To secure such a number of additional women workers, every single and widowed woman between the ages of 14 and 65 would be required and also one-third of the married women in the same age group. If anything approaching that figure is to be obtained there will be a number of serious problems to be faced. There must be a satisfactory measure of industrial organisation among the new women workers in order to insist on adequate wage rates and conditions of employment. Once the principles are settled, there is much preparatory work to be done before the women can be employed. Well-equipped training centres will have to be found where the flood of potential workers can have a training course of six to twelve weeks. Already production in some factories has been slowed down because of the rising proportion of unskilled workers. And with the introduction of such a number of women workers to factories in newly developed areas the Government will have to review the problem of housing them and providing for their welfare in the munitions centres. — "Time and Tide."

KILLING THE GOOSE

The temptation to seize Danish stocks of food and other commodities certainly played a part in moving Hitler to face the risks which he must have known were inseparable from his attack on the Scandinavia countries. Great Britain has hitherto absorbed the best part of Denmark's surplus production in butter, bacon, and eggs — to the value of many million pounds. These supplies, so long as they last, will now be available to Germany and will bring much needed relief, as will also the very considerable stock of petrol which Denmark has accumulated during the past few months. The Germans will have no scruple in despoiling the Danes of these and other goods of which they feel the need. On the short term there is an undeniable gain. It is, however, only on the short term, for, in laying violent hands upon the little neighbour who has hitherto been so useful to him, Hitler has now gone very near to killing the goose which lays the golden eggs.

Not only has he, in Mr. Churchill's phrase, doubled the efficacy of the Allied blockade by destroying the neutral corridor through which he drew a great part of his supplies from the outer world. By violently dragging Denmark within the blockaded area he is destroying the Danish dairying industry, the products of which were exported to Germany only a degree less freely than to Great Britain. This industry depends upon the importation from abroad of great quantities of fertilisers and animal food-stuffs, the supply of which will now cease. The effects will be felt very soon, for farmers, knowing that their present stocks of these essentials cannot be renewed, will perforce restrict production. In the long run Germany may pay for the immediate relief by seeing her supplies of Danish food fall short of what they were before. Nor is this all. Great Britain was accustomed to pay for the food she received from Denmark — and which it is important to remember, she will have no difficulty in obtaining from other sources — by supplying the Danes with coal, metal, and rubber manufactured goods, textiles, and other things. In which Germany finds it difficult to meet her own requirements, let alone those of her latest victim. — "The Times."

DYNAMICS ?

The dynamic psychology of National Socialism and fear of being worn down, as in 1918, by a war of attrition may push Germany into adventurous courses. — W. H. Chamberlin.

Russo-German Relations Excite Speculation

NAZIS LAY MINES IN EAST BALTIC

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION IN LONDON CONCERNING REPORTS OF A SOVIET DEMARCHE IN BERLIN, INDICATIONS OF THE COOLER ATMOSPHERE IN RELATIONS, BETWEEN GERMANY AND RUSSIA ARE PLENTIFUL.

Most striking of the signs comes in the form of an official statement over the Berlin Radio, announcing that Germany has mined the Baltic in close proximity to Soviet naval bases.

NAZI AIR FORCE ON THE RUN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

British planes have again severely bombed Fornebu airport, near Oslo. Several German planes were destroyed on the ground while others crashed into trees while trying to take off hurriedly on the bombed runway.

The German authorities in Oslo have mobilised all municipal employees for the construction of new airports in the region of Frederikstad, while the Oslo aerodrome is to be enlarged.

Herr Terhoven, the new "Fuehrer for Norway," declared that oils and fats used in food will be rationed, as well as fodder, while 25 per cent. of Norway's livestock will be slaughtered.—Havas.

NAVY MINES SEAS ROUND NARVIK

London, To-day.

The whole of the area round Narvik and the Vest Fjord leading into Narvik has been mined by the British Navy.

An Admiralty announcement, giving the details of the limits of the minefield, states that the Vest Fjord and its approaches have been mined and that vessels navigating in these areas without seeking instructions from the local British or the Norwegian naval authorities do so at their own peril.

The announcement says: "Vest Fjord has been mined to the northward of a line extending in the direction of 126 degrees from Vaeroy Island light, Lat. 67.39 N. Long. 12.45 E., to the mainland.

"The channels to the North-East and to the South of Steinvaer Island, Long. 69.10 N., Lat. 16.35 E., have also been mined."—Reuter.

Against Submarines

One field extends completely across the mouth of Vest Fjord at the northern end of which is situated the port of Narvik.

The other field is laid near Steinvaer Island and guards the approach to Narvik from the north.

These fields are laid to defend from

According to the Tallinn (Estonia) correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Aften Bladet," the Soviet Government has made a demarche in Berlin in regard to the maintenance of Sweden's neutrality.

It has been reported that Moscow informed Berlin that she could not remain inactive if Sweden were invaded.

The correspondent says that it is not impossible that similar demarches have been or will be made to the Allied Powers.

A spokesman of the Soviet Embassy in London stated last night that nothing was known in London of this report.

Berlin Warning

Meantime, Berlin Radio has warned all German shipping that two large areas off the Estonian Coast in the Gulf of Finland are danger zones into which German shipping must not enter.

The first zone running about twenty miles from west to east and an average of eight miles from north to south lies outside the Estonian port of Baltisk, which Russia leased from Estonia under the Mutual Assistance Pact signed by the two countries a few months ago.

The second zone, which is about six miles from east to west, and twelve miles from north to south, is situated just east of Kolko Bay, inside the Gulf of Finland, and nearly opposite Helsinki.—Reuter.

Paris and London Do Not Deny or Confirm

London, To-day.

Nothing is known in authoritative quarters in London of any Soviet demarche being delivered at the Foreign Office. In Paris, the Quai D'Orsay told Reuter that it was impossible, (last night) to confirm or deny the report of a demarche from Moscow.—Reuter.

GERMANS ARRESTED IN TURKEY

ANKARA, TO-DAY.

THE AUTHORITIES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ARRESTED AND ORDERED THE EXPULSION OF FIVE GERMANS—AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR, A JOURNALIST AND HIS WIFE, A MERCHANT AND AN AGENT.

This follows the tightening up of control over foreigners residing in Turkey.

The police in Istanbul have ordered all cabaret artists (who have recently arrived in large numbers and are mostly of Hungarian nationality) to leave the country before May 1.—Reuter.

submarine attack British ships operating in Narvik waters and effecting to guard the approaches to that port.—British Wireless.

GERMAN PLOTTING IN PANAMA?

Panama, To-day.

A secret store of arms including German sub-machine-guns was seized early yesterday morning by Panaman police.

A number of arrests were made but no details of the affair have been revealed.

The police are believed to be searching for other similar stores.

Rumours of revolutionary plotting have been current in Panama and zero hour was said to have been set for last Friday night, but nothing happened.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL SIR PERCY NOBLE'S SUCCESSOR

London, To-day.

It is announced by the Admiralty that Vice-Admiral Geoffrey Layton, C.B., D.S.O., commanding the 1st Battle Squadron and Second-in-Command, Mediterranean Fleet since early last year, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, China Station, in succession to Admiral Sir Percy Noble.

The appointment is to date from

GERMAN ATROCITY REPORTS

London, To-day.

A Norwegian High Command communique says that during fighting on the Narvik front on Thursday, the Germans, in counter-attack, forced civilians, including women and children, to march in front to cover their advance.

"Thus some of our advance posts were forced to surrender. Soldiers who surrendered were afterwards used as a cover by the Germans in the same way.

"After the first consternation, our troops continued fighting bravely causing the enemy heavy losses."

The Germans abandoned Lapphau and withdrew to Gratanbotten, the communique continued, and the Norwegians took some war material.

The Norwegian Air Force bombed and machine-gunned German detachments.—Reuter.

July 10, 1940.

Vice-Admiral Layton will assume command in the Far East on or about September 1, 1940.—Reuter.

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Report On The B.E.F.

Here is the answer to a puzzle which must have perplexed many people in Britain.

Six months ago a British Army disappeared into France—to a destination still kept a closely guarded secret. Since then they have steadily increased in size until, as recently announced by Mr. Oliver Stanley, the War Minister, they have more than doubled themselves.

What have the B.E.F. been doing all this time? What are they doing now?

To-day people at home know more about the life of the British troops in the forward outposts of the line, keeping the day and night watch on the enemy, than they do about the men in the back areas.

In the first place, the men at the back have not had an easy, comfortable time. They have had a very active time and have had to rough it. But what are they doing? "Working very hard" is the answer. As far as the infantry are concerned they are either carrying out intensive training, to make them better soldiers, or they are expending their physical energy in making stronger fortified positions.

The men in some places are roughing it, because this Army are always ready to move at a moment's notice. They have not been allowed to "dig themselves in" from a living point of view at all. Week after week they have been kept in a state of high mobility. Every unit of the rapidly growing Army can be shifted at once.

The B.E.F. may, in fact, be described as an "Elephant on Springs." There they are—a vast collection of men spread over a wide area which is occupied for months. The word is given birth and in a few hours the men have gone.

Say that the battalion of the Xshire Regiment have been billeted at the little village of N'importe ou for months. They were there for Christmas and Easter. It seems like home.

An order comes to leave at once. Men in battle dress dash to the concert hall, or stable, where they have lived and slept all this time. Kit is hurriedly packed. Blankets are rolled up. Bags and bundles are flung into the waiting lorries. Batmen hurriedly collect officers' belongings in the little rooms over cafes and shops where they have been living.

Meanwhile the Regimental Doctor is gathering up his instruments in his surgery—the Chaplain is assembling his books. At the Battalion Headquarters, in a single front room of a little house, papers and records are strapped together—the trestle tables are dismantled and folded together with a snap.

The battalion are off. Monsieur and Mme. Dubois will miss the popular Sergeant Smith at Sunday dinner. Children must be consoled at the loss of Private Jones, who played games with them on the floor.

But what have the Xshire Regiment been doing all the months they have been at this pleasant farming village? The particular Xshire Regiment I have in mind have been digging and digging

like mad—digging trenches and anti-tank traps and helping to construct still more concrete blockhouses.

This incessant toil has been interrupted only for realistic and tactical exercises of various kinds.

IMAGINARY ATTACKS

This is another remarkable feature of the life of the Army in France—apart from the fact that they have been kept so mobile during these long months—the way they have been carrying out manoeuvres and sand fights, although they are an Army on active service in time of war.

"Fate has decided that the Allies should not be called upon yet and engaged in real battle. Good—we'll have sand battles to make ourselves more highly trained," say the Generals in their wisdom.

So steel-helmeted men manning defensive positions have repelled imaginary "attacks" by groups of sol-

By
PAUL BEWSHER

diers representing the enemy. Battalions travelling along a road far behind, the lines have been subjected to intense "machine-gun fire and bombing" from low-flying enemy machines, represented by British fighters roaring 20ft. or so overhead.

Specially trained patrol parties—practising for possible activity in the British positions beyond the Maginot Line—have crept out at night, trying to elude the listening posts (of men of their own regiment) and pass through without being observed. On one of these practices a member of the patrol dived into an icy cold river and successfully swam across to avoid "capture."

Artillerymen take up positions and fire at "concentrations of enemy," telephoned by an officer at an observation post farther ahead. So it goes on, this imaginary war inside the real war.

What is the programme of the men in these battalions, building fortifications and training in the back areas? Here is a typical day in the life of Private Brown in that same Xshires: 6.30 a.m.—Reveille. Wash and shave, pack up bedding and clean billet.

7.30—Breakfast. Perhaps fried bacon, with tea and bread.

8.30—Start work digging trenches or building pillboxes.

Noon.—Knock off for a picnic meal on the spot. Hot tea and sandwiches.

12.45 p.m.—Continue work.

4.—Knock off for day.

4.30—High tea at billet. Substantial meal. Perhaps beefsteak and chips with a sweet. If not on sentry or special duty, off for the evening until billet roll-call and lights out.

SUPPER IN THE VILLAGE

Now that the evenings are beginning to draw out the men can have a game

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Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

FACTORY ACCIDENTS IN WARTIME

London, Yesterday.

The question of industrial accidents and working conditions in the black-out have been the subject of correspondence between Trade Unions and the Ministry of Home Security.

Expressing concern at the growth of the number of accidents which, he stated, was due to war conditions, the Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union drew the attention of the Minister to questions arising out of problems caused by overtime, the black-out and similar conditions created by the war.

In reply, Sir John Anderson stated these questions were receiving the constant attention of experts who were fully aware of the error of supposing that increased output would be secured by long hours and stated that the special difficulties created by the black-out regulations had been to some extent met.

OFFICIAL VIEW

Dealing with industrial accidents, Sir John Anderson said that while there had been an increase in the actual number, so far as it was possible to judge it was doubtful if the increase was proportionately greater than the increase in the number of employed coupled with the increased number of hours worked.—British Wireless.

CANADIAN AIR LINE TO RUSSIA?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Windsor (Ont), Yesterday.

Creation of an air service between Canada and Vladivostok is being negotiated, declared Mr. Maconachie, President of Yukon Southern Airways, here yesterday.

Plans have been submitted to the Canadian authorities for approval and permission from Russia and the United States is being sought.

Taking off from Windsor, planes would reach the principal Russian trade centres within 48 hours and link Canada with important economic centres in China and Japan.

Nome, Alaska, would be the taking-off point in the trans-Pacific flight.—Havas.

CONTROL OF NECESSARIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Dairen, Yesterday.

Following the example of Manchukuo the control of daily necessities has been decreed in the Kwantung leased territory, and new export and import licensing regulations have been promulgated.

All daily necessities will be controlled by the recently created Federation of Trade and Business Unions in Kwantung territory which is closely co-operating with its Manchukuo counterparts, the Manchuria Necessities Supply Company and the Manchuria Import Federation.—Havas.

AUSTRALIAN RECRUITS

Sydney, Yesterday.

Altogether 3,800 men have volunteered to enlist in the 7th Australian Division and have been medically examined. The doctors passed 3,400 of them as fit and their training will start at once.—Reuter.

NORWAY'S COST TO GERMANY

London, Yesterday.

The German invasion of Norway will, inter alia, have a very adverse effect on important imports into Germany of whale oil.

Germany during the past 10 years has been the largest importer of whale oil, which is mainly used in the manufacture of margarine and soap, two commodities of which she is notoriously short.

Whereas, says the current issue of "The Economist," Germany produced between ten and fifteen per cent. of the world output of whale oil, she is no longer in a position to send out her factories, while the Norwegian fleet, which has produced between one third and one half of the world's whale oil in the past 10 years, is now on the way back from the Antarctic and will almost certainly make Britain its base so long as Norway is partly occupied by Germany.

As Britain is the second largest whale oil producer—its share is nearly one third the world's total—between two-thirds and three quarters of the world's whale oil supply will be under British control for the duration of the war.—British Wireless.

NORWEGIAN AIRMAN IN CANADA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OTTAWA, YESTERDAY.

BALCHEN, FAMOUS NORWEGIAN AIRMAN, ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY FROM THE UNITED STATES TO CONFER ON MILITARY PROBLEMS WITH MR. MACKENZIE KING, CANADIAN PREMIER.

Balchen told the press the German military operations in Norway would be hampered in the Spring because all airports would be flooded by melted snow except Oslo.

He added the Norwegians would fight until the Germans were swept from Norwegian soil.—Havas.

REPORT ON THE B.E.F.

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of football after tea. In this particular unit they are allowed to go to a town only a mile or so away three nights a week.

If they stay in the village they can buy themselves an evening meal in the cafe at very reasonable prices, steak and chips 8d., eggs and chips 6½d., and a bottle of dark beer for 5½d.

Some sections of the Army carry out their normal work much as they would be doing had the war really started, apart from the difficulties and dangers of actual attack by gunfire and artillery.

Signallers, for instance, are working at full pressure maintaining communication between the scattered units.

The Royal Army Service Corps are carrying out their gigantic task of keeping the Army supplied with all they need.

Men must have food and clothing and equipment whether they are fighting or not. The continuous stream of loaded lorries must be kept moving all the time.

Meanwhile, the British Army in France grow steadily larger, are a living, active organisation, continually developing—always training, always making themselves stronger—and always ready to move.

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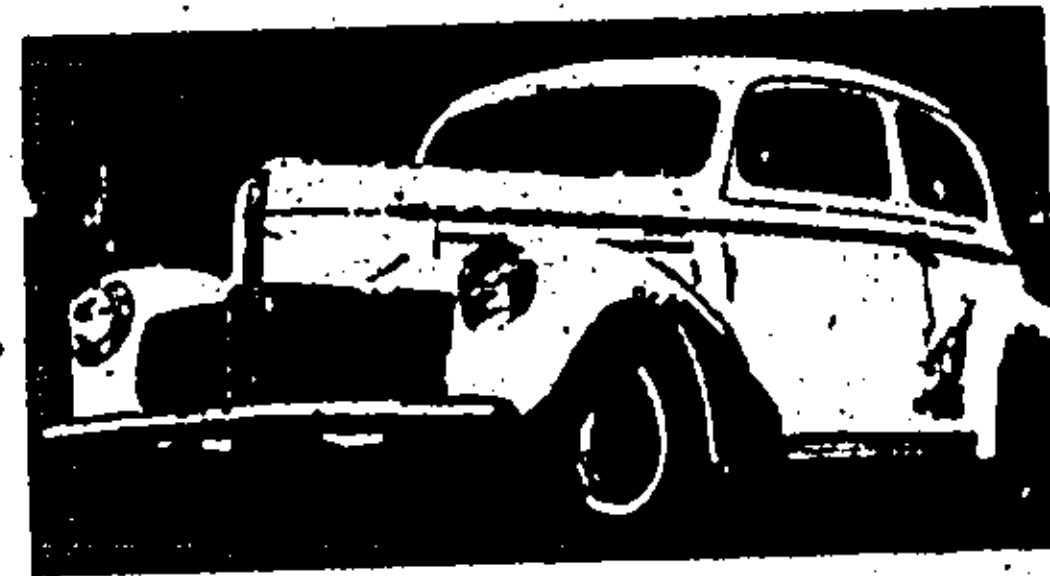
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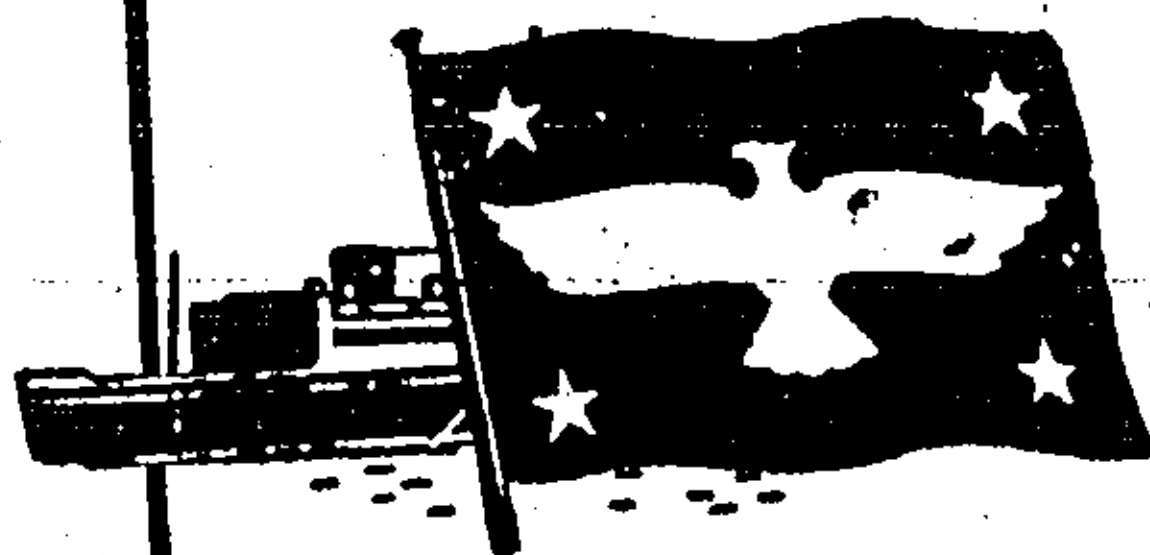
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"BUDGET OF DELUSION"

CHANCELLOR UNDER FIRE FOR NOT TAXING ENOUGH!

London, To-day,
"A SOUND BUDGET" and "A Budget of Delusion"
— these two headings to leading articles reveal
the difference of opinion held by the British
Press in connection with the new budget.

The former is from the "Spectator," which follows
the line of reasoning of the Chancellor of the
Exchequer who, the paper says, made a fair dis-
tribution between borrowing and taxation.

It approves of the other taxes, with the reception of
the raising of the postage rate.

The other heading comes from the
"Economist," which is very critical.
The Chancellor missed the opportunity
to introduce a budget which would
have served as a promise of resolute
action, and would have given people
a chance to demonstrate their pas-
sionate desire to serve the State.
Usually, discussion of the budget is
concerned with the details, the totals
generally being taken for granted.
This year, the discussion was about
the totals, and rightly so, continues
the "Economist."

Inadequate

The £2,000 millions is "miserably
inadequate." It represents £5,500,000
a day, but already, last month, we
were spending £5,000,000 a day. Does
the Government really wish us to be-
lieve that the most it can manage in
the next 12 months for our war ef-
fort is only one-tenth more than now?
The Nazis are said to be spending
around £3,000 million this year on
war. Is there any pretence that we
can win this war with a smaller ef-
fort than theirs?

(It should be pointed out that in
connection with this figure of £3,000
million, frequently referred to, that
the Nazis do not publish their budget
like we do and that one Home paper
suggests that the figure was put out
by Doc. Goebbels just to impress the
world).

The "Economist" is also dissatis-
fied with methods. The taxation pro-
posals bear heavily only on the spe-
cific points on which they are im-
posed. The increases on beer,
spirits and tobacco are "stiff" and
the increased in postage rates "pen-
al," but the increase in taxation as
a whole is light.

The Newcomer

The new purchase tax is an inter-
esting newcomer, but it is not a ma-

for contribution towards paying for
the war. More should be done to
increase savings, even if all forms of
expenditure must be brought under
control.

The "Sunday Times" says that the
British people cannot be taxed with-
out their own consent, and no people
in that position have ever been taxed
so heavily.

Yet the principle criticism of the
Chancellor has been to imply that he
should have asked for more sacrifices,
not less, and one could desire no bet-
ter evidence of the nation's resolu-
tion than the reception given to last
Tuesday's budget. — Reuter.

SEVENTH MONTH OF BLOCKADE

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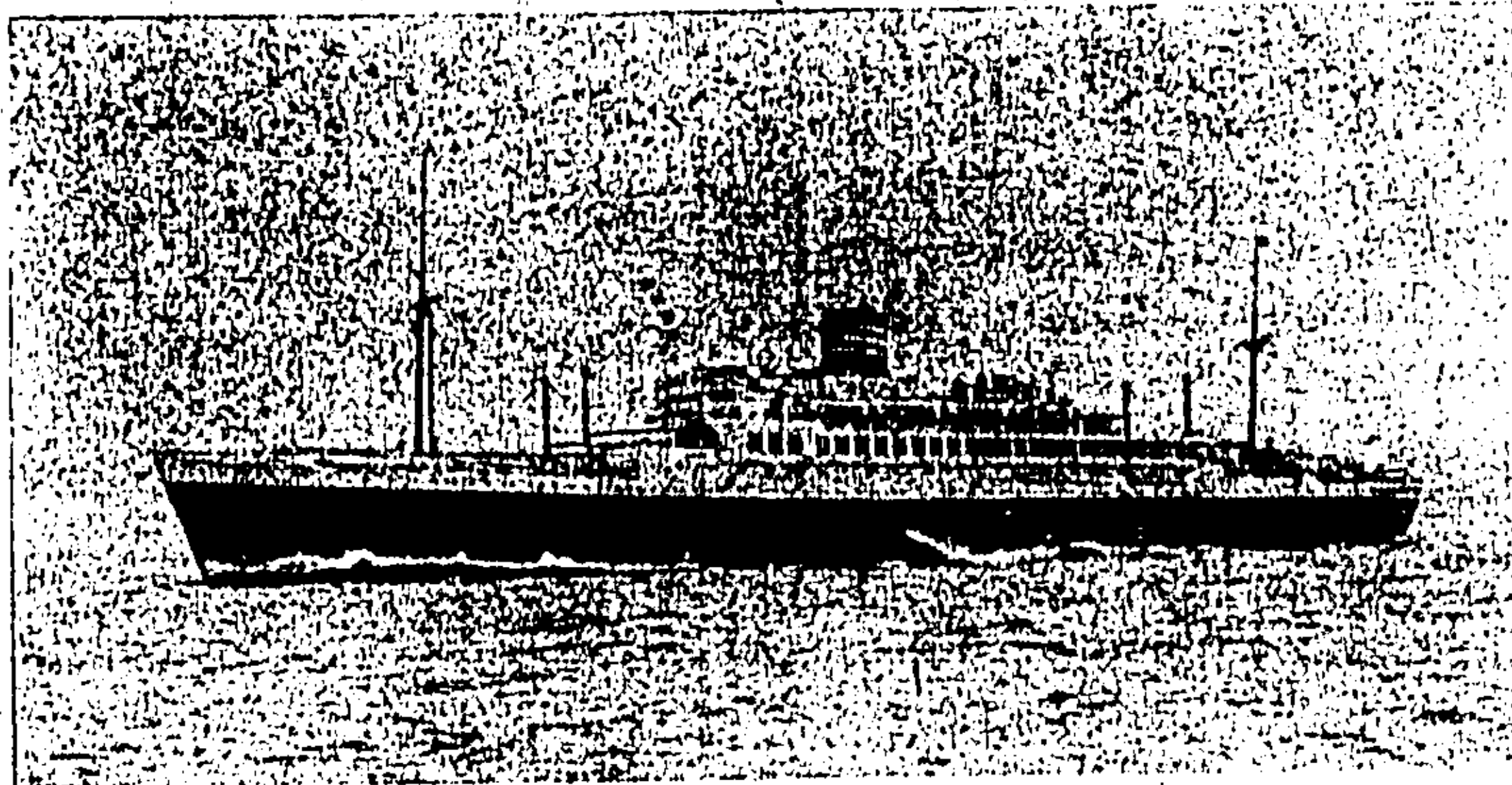
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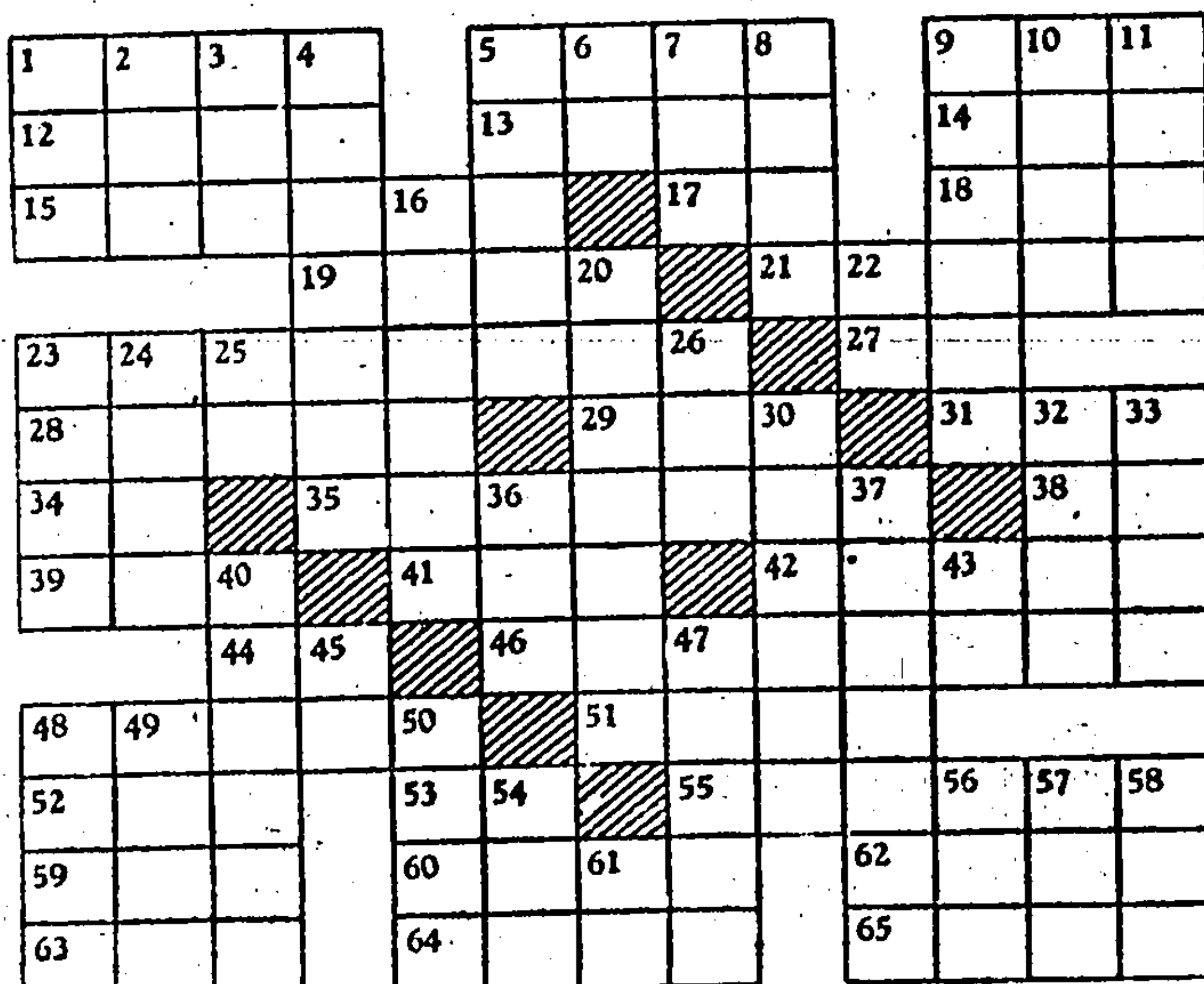
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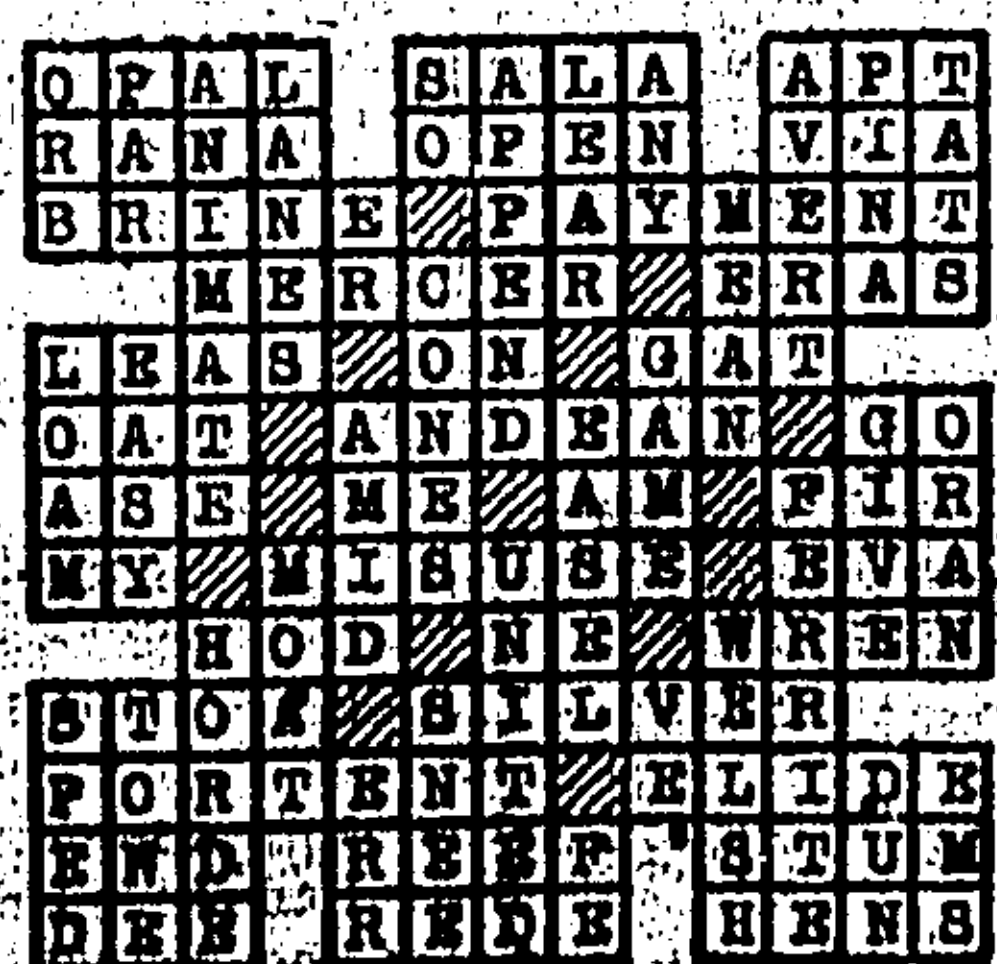
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Utensils
- 5 Efficacy
- 9 To mend
- 12 Pertaining to the ear
- 13 Arrow poison
- 14 Constellation
- 15 Protector
- 17 Pronoun
- 18 Spanish hero
- 19 Sandarac tree
- 21 The walrus
- 23 Made ready
- 27 To exist
- 28 Principle
- 29 Tangled mass
- 31 To name
- 34 Article
- 35 Lowers in rank
- 38 Compass point
- 39 Mandrel
- 41 To perch
- 42 To take out
- 44 Japanese measure
- 46 Dispossesses
- 48 Animal
- 51 Tall grass
- 52 Bow

VERTICAL

- 1 Explosive noise
- 2 Philippine savage
- 3 Insect egg
- 4 Practised economy
- 5 Persian monetary unit
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Late
- 8 To abound
- 9 Holy
- 10 Goddess of discord
- 11 To struggle
- 16 Declaims
- 20 Slighter
- 22 Siberian river
- 23 Egyptian deity
- 24 City in Nevada
- 25 Printer's measure
- 28 To be sprinkled
- 30 Gazed
- 32 Heraldry: wavy
- 33 Insects
- 36 Among
- 37 Slipping
- 40 Strengthened
- 43 Four
- 45 Exists
- 47 Pass
- 48 To diminish
- 49 Ireland
- 50 To sound
- 54 To regret
- 56 Jutting rock
- 57 Crude metal
- 58 Abraded
- 61 French article

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MURDER OF CONVICT AT STANLEY

AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS this morning, before Sir Atholl MacGregor, Li Shek-man was charged with the murder of a fellow prisoner, Lau Chuen, on February 4 at Stanley Prison.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, assisted by Inspector L. R. Whant, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. George She was for the defence.

The jury was composed of the following:—Messrs. R. P. Phillips (foreman), M. Zak, J. G. Gardner, Tang Kwong-man, U Shui-ki, Chen King-shing, and Lam Chan-kwok.

Mr. Murphy said that accused and deceased were prisoners at Stanley. They had cells in different halls but accused managed to get into the same hall as deceased by pretending to the officer in charge that there was no vacant cell in his own hall.

On February 4, the day before Lau Chuen was due to be discharged, the prisoners were taken out for their usual exercise but Lau Chuen remained in his cell. At about 11 a.m. the prisoners were paraded to return to

cells and the warder had already opened various cells for the prisoners. A shout was heard. An assistant warder who was outside the passage would say he saw accused break from the ranks and rush into cell No. 78. He had something in his hand and was seen to make a downward thrust. The warder caught him and threw him to the ground. Accused raised his hand and the warder saw a knife. Accused, who was overpowered, threw the weapon away.

Deceased, sent to the Queen Mary Hospital, died on March 9, cause of death being pneumonia and bleeding as the result of a stab wound.

In a dying deposition, Lau Chuen said Li Shek-man called him an informer.

Accused, medically examined, had a black eye and bruises on the buttock, but these were probably caused when he was thrown by the warder.

In the lower court, accused, in evidence, said he was attacked by deceased and that anything he did was in self-defence.

The case for the Crown was that accused deliberately attacked deceased and that the motive was revenge.

The case is proceeding.

RUBBER SUPPLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, YESTERDAY. THE "WEEKLY SURVEY OF THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE" POINTS OUT THAT CHANGES IN THE SOURCES OF AMERICAN RUBBER SUPPLIES WHICH WERE EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THE WAR HAVE FAILED TO MATERIALISE.

Commercial quarters thought American buyers of crude rubber would have to rely on the Dutch East Indies more than on British Malaya because of wartime conditions.

However the figures for the first six months of the war have failed to substantiate this, and actually British Malaya has supplied since the war a large percentage of American rubber.

According to this survey, Malayan shipments to Europe and Japan have dropped, and Europe has received 13.9 per cent. of its rubber from the United States in the form of re-exports.—Havas.

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JAPANESE PRICE INDICES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, Yesterday. Wholesale commodity prices for March in Japan's thirteen principal cities went down by a half per cent. from the previous month but were 9.2 per cent higher than in the same period of 1939, and 34.6 per cent higher than in June, 1937, the month prior to the outbreak of the China war.

Retail prices in Tokyo on April 15 were 1.9 per cent higher than last month.—Havas.

ROYAL THANKS TO CANADIANS

London, Yesterday.

The King and Queen have sent congratulations to General Macnaughten, commanding Canadian forces in England, on the admirable manner in which the Canadian troops mounted guard over the Royal Palaces.—Reuter.

FURNACE FOR VICTIMS

NEW YORK, APRIL 9. A TORTURE CHAMBER FITTED WITH IRON RINGS IN THE WALLS AND FLOOR, THUMBSCREWS AND OTHER DEVICES... A SPECIAL FURNACE FOR CREMATING VICTIMS.

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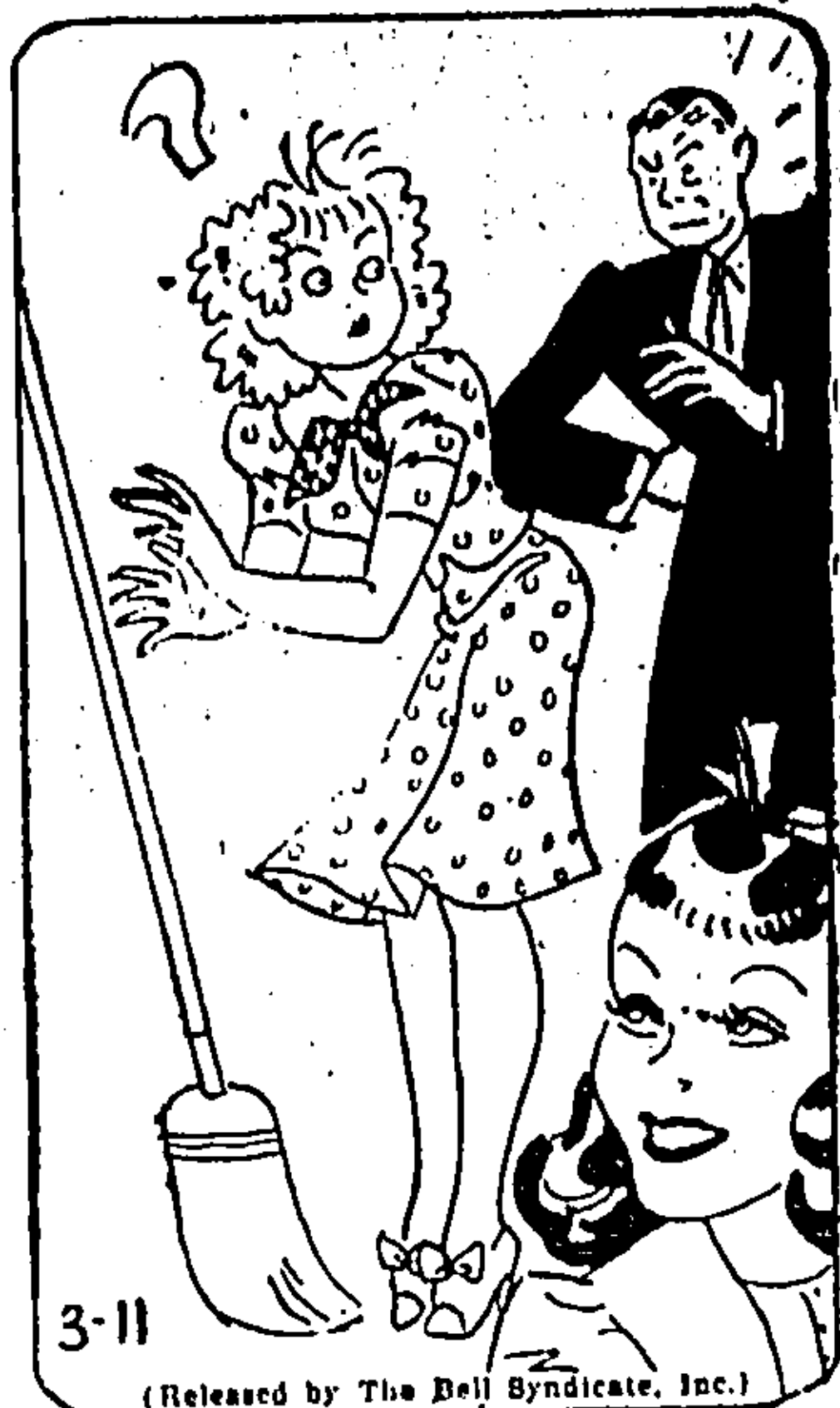
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Paris, To-day.

The Minister for Colonies has submitted for the signature of the President a decree creating in Hanoi an institute for high social and juridical studies.

The Indo-Chinese university in existence since 1931 comprises a medicine faculty and law faculty.

The new institute will be attached to the Hanoi law faculty but will be placed under the patronage of the Paris law faculty and will undertake the special study of law and institutions in Asiatic countries.—Havas.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

London, To-day.

It is learned that Anglo-Italian trade relations were discussed at an interview between Lord Halifax and the Italian Ambassador, Signor Bastiani.

One of the main objectives was to carry forward trade talks which were interrupted early in March at the time of the incident concerning the Italian coal ships at Rotterdam.—Reuter.

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GLOVER CUP DRAW

The following is the draw for the Glover Cup Competition under the auspices of the Ladies' section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

The first round must be played by May 15, the second by June 4, the third by June 25, the fourth by July 16, the semi-final by August 6 and the final by August 27.

1st Round; Mrs. A. B. Thomson v Mrs. H. G. Rose; Mrs. F. C. Young v Mrs. Robertson.

Byes into 2nd. Round.—Miss Glendinning v Mrs. A. Humphreys; Mrs. L. M. Baines v Mrs. D. S. Stewart; Miss N. Price v Mrs. H. Mundy; Mrs. A. S. Nicol v Mrs. R. C. Stewart; Mrs. Shrigley v Mrs. R. D. Mitchell; Mrs. W. Park v Mrs. F. D. Hunter; Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley v Mrs. W. Fleming; Mrs. A. Lissaman v winner of 1st Round; Mrs. Sinclair v Winner of 1st Round; Mrs. Whitehead v Mrs. D. Edward; Mrs. L. Blair v Mrs. J. P. Sherry; Mrs. G. M. Rowell v Mrs. G. Plummer; Mrs. D. Duncan v Mrs. R. D. Walker; Mrs. E. D. Roberts v Mrs. A. Greaves; Lady Macgregor v Mrs. R. R. Davies; Mrs. H. W. R. Williams v Mrs. Adams.

ADAMSON CUP FOR BUCKLE

F. Buckle (12) won the Adamson Cup golf competition yesterday at the Valley when he beat Hugh Smith (9) by 6 and 5 in the Final.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1500 b., \$1510 sa.
Bank of East Asia \$74 b.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$490 b., \$495 sa.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. Docks cum Rts. \$22 s.
Providents \$4¼ b., \$4.40 s.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. Lands \$37¼ s.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

China Lights (Old) \$8 sa.
Telephones (Old) \$28½ b., \$29 s.
Telephones (New) \$10 b., \$10.30 s.

STORES, &C.

Lane, Crawford's \$8.05 b.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$1 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7.10 b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

20 H.K. Banks @ \$1510
15 Unions @ \$495
2948 China Lights (Old) @ \$8
25 Dairy Farms @ \$22

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .10 sa.
Atoks Ps. .12 b.
Baguio Gold Ps. .18½ b.
Batong Buhay Ps. .01 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.00 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .17½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .08 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0025 b.
Demonstrations Ps. .08¼ sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .08½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .31 sa.
Itogons Ps. .20½ b.
Masbates Ps. .09 b.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .08¾ b.
Mine Operation Ps. .07½ sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .15½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .61 b.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .17½ sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .32 b.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$2.50-3/4.

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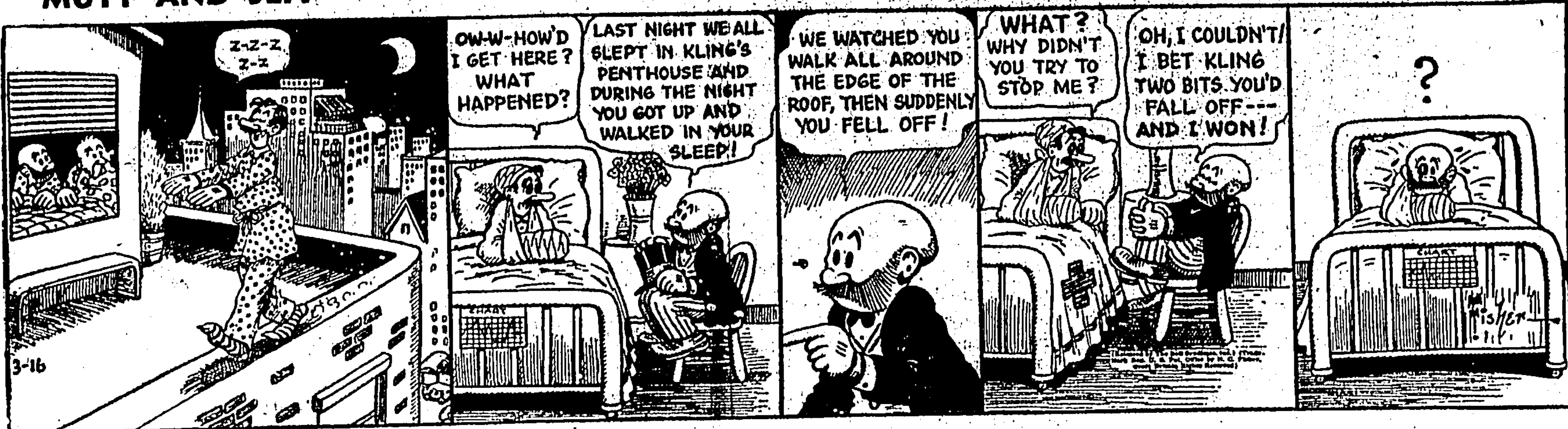
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To-day's Wireless

Children's
Programme

6.00 p.m.—"For the Children".
Studio—"The Story of Vic the Scamp"
by Aunt Susan.
Studio—3rd instalment of "The Circus
came to Tea" by Aunt Susan.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
6.32 p.m.—Hungarian Folk Music by
Magyar Imre and His Hungarian
Gypsy Orchestra.
6.42 p.m.—Light Orchestra Selections.
Serenade—Valse Espagnole (Metra);
De Picpus Au Palais D'Angkor—
Fox-Intermezzo (Marceau)
Orchestre Ruby Goldstein.
March of the Caucasian Chief (from
'Caucasian Sketches'—Ippolitov-
Ivanov, arr. Finck); The Juggler
(Grotzsch).... Joseph Muscant &
His Concert Orchestra.
Neapolitan Nights (Amodio).... Lon-
don Novelty Orchestra.

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

7.00 p.m.—Studio—"Contemporary
Ballet at the Vic-Wells School". A
talk, illustrated by records.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Debroy Somers Bahd in a
Review of Revues". With vocal re-
frain by Dan Donovan.
8.24 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal)
and Waltzes by the Orchestre Mas-
cotte.
Waltzes—Evening on the Rhine
(Richartz); In Dream Night (from
'The Vagabond'—Ziehrer).... Or-
chestre Mascotte.
La Barque D'Yves (Tranchant); Ne

Dis Pas Toujours (Lenoir).... Lu-
cienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orch.
Waltzes—Caresses (Lanner, arr.
Hohne); Blue Like A Cornflower
(Jussenhoven-Schlosser) Or-
chestre Mascotte.
Dans La Furnee (Bos); Parlez-Moi
D'Amour (Lemoir) Lucienne
Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra.
8.50 p.m.—Dance Music by Geraldo
and His Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Under Nazi
Rule".

9.45 p.m.—A Short Concert by Pablo
Casals ('Cello) and Ignaz Friedman
(Piano).
Menuet (Haydn, arr. Platti); Re-
quiebro (Cassado).... Pablo Cas-
als ('Cello) with Piano accomp.
by Blas-Net.
Mazurka, Op. 33 No. 4 (Chopin);
Mazurka, Op. 24 No. 4 (Chopin)
.... Ignaz Friedman (Piano).
Apres Un Reve (Faure); Chanson
Villageoise, Op. 62, No. 2 (Pop-
per).... Pablo Casals ('Cello) with
Piano.
10.12 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Symphony
No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27. Eugene
Ormandy and the Minneapolis Sym-
phony Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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BAD DEFENCE

The excuse for the way North bid
to-day's hand lay in the fact that he
was trying for top in a Howell game.
The excuse for East's defence has not
been found as yet.

Duplicate Bridge
North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 6
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ A 10 8 6 2
♠ K J 9 4 3
♥ J 8 7
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 5
♠ 7 5
♥ A 10 4 3
♦ A K 7 6
♣ K Q 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
8♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Actually South's bidding was quite
good. In the first place, he steered
clear of three notrump,
which could not be
made, and in the
second place he elect-
ed to let the hand
play at four hearts
because he was cer-
tain that his partner
held three trumps
for him.

The four of spades
was opened. East won with the Ace and
shifted to his singleton diamond. De-
clarer won in dummy, cashed the
King-Queen of hearts, entered his
own hand with a club, played the Ace
of trumps, dropping West's Jack,
whereupon the ten-spot pulled East's
last trump. Since the clubs failed to
break, Declarer had to lose a trick at

the finish. Nevertheless, four hearts
bid and made represented in absolute
top.

All East had to do to beat the hand
was to keep on with spades. On the
third spade lead Declarer could
trump in either hand, but whichever
one he elected would be no good for
him. Incidentally the only game con-
tract North and South can fulfill
against correct defence is five
diamonds; and, strangely enough, that
contract was arrived at at only two
tables.

Saturday you were Oswald Ja-
coby's partner and held:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x
♣ x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♦	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to
double. Subsequent bidding, which
of course is based on your partner's
response to the double, will be the
basis of future questions.

Score 100% for double, 80% for
two spades, 0 for one spade (inade-
quate) or four spades (unsound.)

QUESTION NO. 395

You are Merwin Maier's partner and
again you hold:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x
♣ x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Burnstone	Maier
1♦	Dbl.	Pass	1♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer
Monday.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate)

FOUR TEAMS TO VISIT MACAO

Under the auspices of the Hong
Kong Softball League four teams are
visiting Macao on May 12 to play a
series of exhibition games there.

In the men's section Portugal will
meet the Rest, while China v Rest will
be the attraction in the Ladies' sec-
tion.

At a meeting of the selection com-
mittee comprising Dr. Molthen, Mr.
Roy Lau and Mr. Emil Porter, held
on Saturday night, the following teams
were selected:

MEN'S

Portugal:—Henrique Barros, Johnny Al-
vares, Kelly, Silva-Netto, Jackie Noronha,
Charlie Figueredo, Mike Mendonca, Nick
Beltrao, Tony Alves, George Souza, A. V.
Gosano, Spotty Pereira, Caco Marques, Ger-
ty Gosano, Zinho Gosano, Eddie Gosano,
Johnny Fonseca, J. Remedios.

The Rest:—Herbie Quon, Tuffy Chinn, Nip
Lung, Ernie Hearther, Dick Venezia, Dave
Leonard, Wally Ching, H. Ali, Richard
Chung, Stan Leonard, A. R. Kitchell, K.
Nazarin, Harold Winglee, Luke Burn, Hans
Waggoner, A. K. Omar, S. Bux.

GIRLS

China:—Mary Louie, Dot Louie, Rene
Yuen, Ulian Khoo, Jean Lee, May Chung,
Mabel Louie, Elvie Yuen, Rose Louie, Alice
Ma, Jessie Wong, Paula Chan, Bella Ma.

The Rest:—Theresa Noronha, Thelma
Collaco, Cynthia Motta, Irene Pereira, Vera
Burson, Celeste Marques, Jackie Anderson,
Margaret Oliveira, Irene Castilho, Yvonne
Yolle, Lena Luongo, Iris Stone, Maudie
Read.

RECREIO STILL UNBEATEN

Recreio, winners of the Men's Soft-
ball League, and the Hong Kong Ball
Club, runners-up, drew a very dis-
appointing crowd at the Kowloon F.C.
ground yesterday morning in their Ex-
hibition-game. Recreio won by the odd
run in seven after mediocre play this
being mainly attributable to a strong
crosswind.

The proceeds were in aid of the Bri-
tish War Organisation Fund.

Abbas and Gonsales scored for
Ball Club in the second inning.
George Souza put his team further in
the lead in the fifth.

Coming to the last half of the sixth
will three tallies behind, B. T. Gosano
doubled and scored off Wing Lee's wild
throw over second base. Beltrao singled
and A. V. Gosano was given safe on
Gonsales' error.

"Spotty" Pereira was safe on the
fielder's choice with Beltrao scoring.
Tony Alves sacrificed and A. V.
Gosano came home. Pereira scored
when Hussain threw to third base with
nobody covering the bag. The Ball
Club went to bat in the first half of
the 7th frame only to disappoint their
supporters.

The score by innings was as follows:

Ball Club	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	runs
	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	hits
Recreio	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	runs
	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	hits



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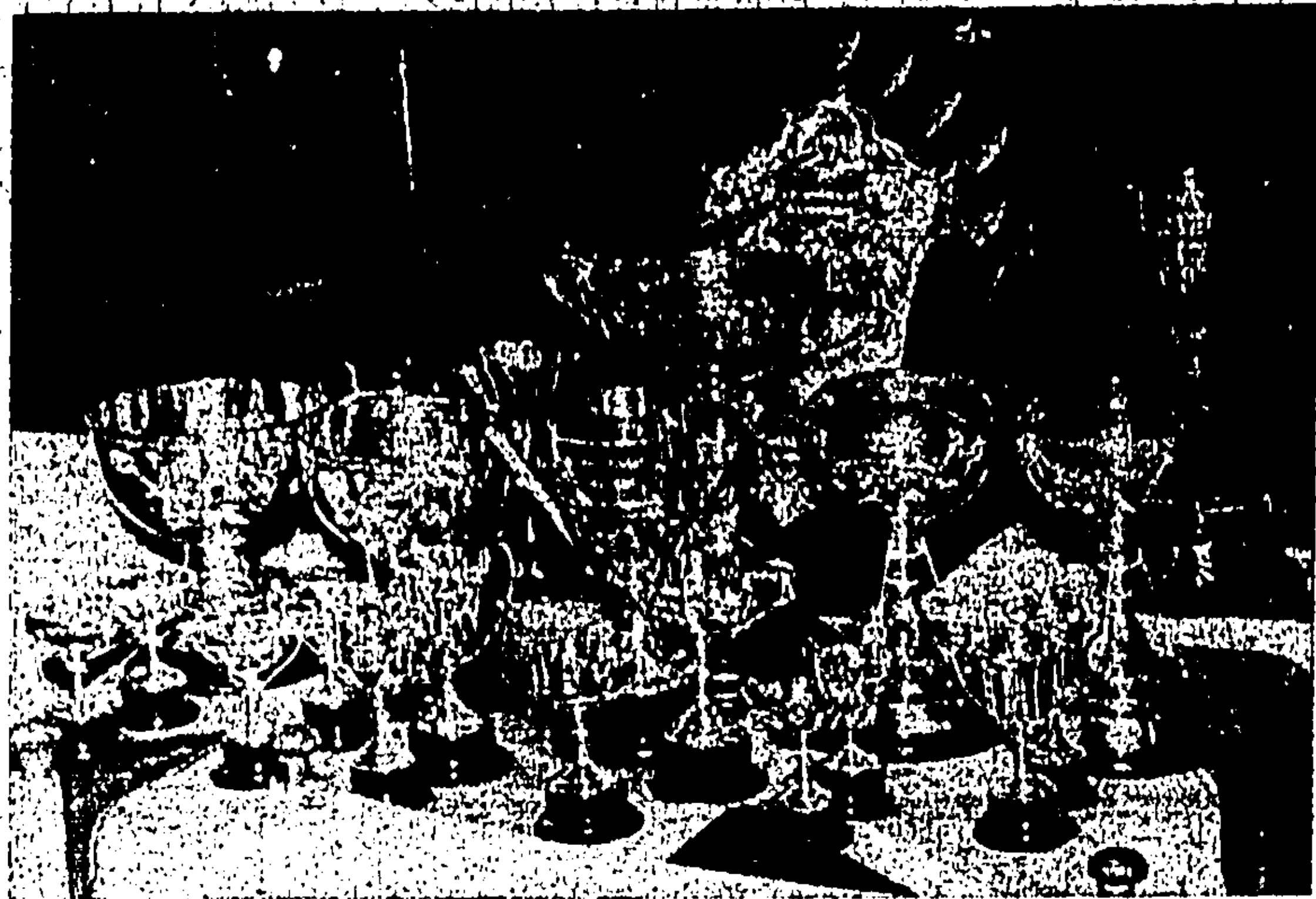
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SOCCER

Colony Seventeen

Following are pen sketches of the Colony Interport football team to visit Saigon:

Tam Kwan-kon came into the team in place of Cheung Wing-choy, who is injured. He has not had much time for practice this season, and it has only been recently that he has shown his old form. He represented the Colony against Manila twice last year and while in Manila gave one of the best performances of his career.

Tsang Pui-fuk (Sammy Tsang) is the reserve goalkeeper and started his football with St. Joseph's. He later played for Eastern, helping them considerably in their struggling days. He has played several representative games for the Association and last year was instrumental in arranging the visit of the Hanoi football team to Hong Kong.

Lee Tin-sang has been an obvious choice for the right-back position in any local representative game for many years.

Lee Kwok-wai played as left-half for many years for South China and then suddenly developed into a first class left-back during the last South China South Seas tour. He has been playing in that position for Kwong Wah.

Soong Ling-sing, formerly of Eastern, played his first Interport game against Saigon last February, and is one of the most improved halves in the Colony. He has been a very able substitute for Lee Kwok-wai in South China's team.

Hau Yung-sang has played in senior football for two seasons only. Last year, while still with Kwong Wah, he secured Interport honours when he went to Manila. He later toured the South Seas with South China. He has often partnered Lee Tin-sang in Chinese representative games.

Leung Wing-chui has played in a number of Interports. At the beginning of the season he struck a bad patch, but in the last few games he regained his best form. A great striker, Leung can fill the pivotal or wing-half positions.

Ferrow plays pivot for Club, but has shown that he can fill the right-half berth too. He is also a good forward.

Bright missed the Interport to Shanghai owing to military duties, but he has figured with distinction in many representative games in the Colony.

Guy was spotted by the Army. Though naturally a centre-half, he was played at right-half against Shanghai, while in the Lai Wah Cup final he was at back for the Army. He has proved equally at home in those positions.

Pryde is probably the youngest Interporter in the history of local sport. This will be his last game for Hong Kong for some time as he is proceeding Home shortly to further his studies. He is a hard-worker with plenty of football in him.

Lap Tai-man came from Shanghai three seasons ago and has been playing for South China "A". This season he has not been seen very often in his usual position at inside-left owing to the presence of Ip Pak-wah, but he has played at right-half and on the right-wing with credit.

Ip Pak-wah has been playing football for some time, representing the

WONG KA-TSUN DECLINES MANAGERSHIP

Mr. Wong Ka Tsun, chairman of the League Management Committee, who was originally appointed manager of the Interport football team to Saigon, has had to decline owing to business reasons.

Colony against Shanghai in 1931. He was a member of the All-China football team in 1936. He gave up the game for three seasons when transferred to Swatow, but made a comeback this season when he started to play again in the Junior Division.

Fox, of Engineers, is considered one of the most dangerous Army forwards at the moment. Given the right type of passes, he is always a menace, and can use his head and feet equally well. He played in his first representative game in the Lai Wah competition, against Navy, scoring five goals, and was soon after chosen for the Shanghai Interport in February.

Fung King-cheong is a well tried Interporter and played his first Interport in 1929, since when he has been an obvious choice in all representative games. Fung is a great schemer and, though frail in appearance, lasts the hardest game well.

Yeung Shui-yick has been a regular member of South China "B" since the team was admitted to the First Division. He played his first Interport game against Shanghai in Hong Kong in 1937, but, due to the presence of Tang Kwong-sum and Cheung Yung-sum in the South China "A" and Eastern teams respectively, has not been given much opportunity in local representative games.

Wong King-cheong of Kwong Wah is a natural left-winger. He formerly played for South China juniors, but it was not until he joined Kwong Wah that he showed rapid improvement. Small in stature he is very fast and centres well.

GOLF ECLECTIC COMPETITION

A nine hole Eclectic competition will commence on May 1 at Happy Valley and will continue until July 31. Lady MacGregor has kindly offered a prize for the winner. The proceeds from the entries will be donated to the British War Organisation Fund. Any number of cards, at 20 cents each, may be taken out.

K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, when 10 couples competed in an American tennis tournament. E. Abraham and P. A. Peckham were the prize-winners in the men's section. In the ladies' section, the winners were Mrs. A. Sinton, Mrs. F. O'Neill and Mrs. A. E. P. Guest.

CLUB LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT VERY WELL-SUPPORTED

With the advent of the lawn bowls season clubs are actively engaged in team-building, and club tournaments will be under way shortly.

Most of the Kowloon clubs have called for entries for annual competitions and most events have been satisfactorily supported.

Following is the list of entries for tournaments at Recreio, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association and Kowloon Football Club.

Kowloon F. C.

Club Championship:—B. D. Evans, B. Thomson, C. Dowman, R. O. Hughes, C. Pile, L. Bones, A. Eastman, W. M. Groves, T. Coleman, B. William, Gibson, C. Woodcock, V. Chittenden, J. Smith, P. Morgan, Y. Abbas, F. Cullen, S. C. Wong, V. N. Atienza, J. C. Brown, W. V. Field, W. Seraphina, W. J. Mezger, J. M. Boyd, R. Hall, Warren, C. H. Fuller and W. Naef.

Non Prize-winners Competition:—B. D. Evans, B. Thomson, C. Pile, S. C. Wong, L. Bones, C. Woodcock, J. Smith, J. E. Cross, P. Morgan, Y. Abbas, B. William, W. M. Groves, W. Naef, W. Seraphina, W. J. Mezger, J. M. Boyd, Warren, C. Frost and Fuller.

Handicap Singles:—B. D. Evans, B. Thomson, C. Dowman, R. O. Hughes, C. Pile, S. C. Wong, L. Bones, A. Eastman, W. M. Groves, T. Coleman, C. Woodcock, V. Chittenden, J. Smith, Fuller, J. E. Cross, Younghusband, P. Morgan, Y. Abbas, J. C. Brown, J. Dobson, F. Cullen, V. N. Atienza, S. Kern, W. Naef, W. V. Field, W. Seraphina, W. J. Rezger, J. M. Boyd, C. Frost and Warren.

Pairs Competition:—B. D. Evans, B. Thomson, C. Dowman, R. O. Hughes, C. Pile, S. C. Wong, L. Bones, A. Eastman, W. M. Groves, B. William, Gibson, C. Woodcock, V. Chittenden, J. Smith, G. E. Cross, Fuller, P. Younghusband, P. Morgan, Y. Abbas, J. Dobson, F. Cullen, V. N. Atienza, S. Kern, W. V. Field, G. Frost, R. Hall, J. M. Boyd, W. J. Rezger, W. Seraphina.

Rinks Competition:—B. D. Evans, B. Thomson, C. Dowman, R. O. Hughes, C. Pile, S. C. Wong, L. Bones, A. Eastman, W. M. Groves, B. William, J. Gibson, C. Woodcock, V. Chittenden, J. Smith, G. E. Cross, Fuller, P. Younghusband, P. Morgan, Y. Abbas, J. Dobson, F. Cullen, V. N. Atienza, S. Kern, W. V. Field, G. Frost, R. Hall, J. M. Boyd, W. J. Rezger, W. Seraphina.

Kowloon Tong

Championship Singles:—J. L. Stephen, A. E. H. Castro, A. J. Kew, H. Gittins, A. H. Basto, H. A. Castro, Y. Abbas, H. Y. Hsu, W. J. Howard, J. N. Wong, Y. H. Lang, T. K. Lim, C. J. Roe, N. A. E. Mackay, W. M. Gittins and B. Basto.

Handicap Singles:—H. Y. Hsu, W. J. Howard, J. N. Wong, Y. H. Lang, T. K. Lim, C. J. Roe, N. A. E. Mackay, W. M. Gittins, J. L. Stephens, A. E. H. Castro, A. J. Kew, H. Gittins, A. H. Basto, H. A. Castro and Y. Abbas.

Handicap Pairs:—W. M. Gittins, N. A. E. Mackay, C. J. Roe, T. K. Lim, Y. H. Lang, J. N. Wong, W. J. Howard, H. Y. Hsu, Y. Abbas, H. A. Castro, A. H. Basto, H. Gittins, A. J. Kew, A. E. H. Castro and J. L. Stephens.

Recreio

Singles Junior Championship:—C. H. Basto, F. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, P. A. Yvanovich, J. C. Remedios, C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, L. Leon, A. P. Pereira, C. Roza Pereira, C. P. Remedios, A. M. Rodrigues, F. Prata, A. H. Hyndman, M. Alarcon, A. M. Xavier, E. Sousa and F. Machado.

Singles Handicap:—L. F. Xavier (B), F. A. Machado (C), L. Leon (E), M. F. Alarcon (D), J. J. Basto (B), F. Xavier (D), J. F. Ribeiro (B), H. R. Pinna (E), C. E. Marques (B), F. H. Carvalho (F), N. Beltrao (F), C. M. S. Alves (D), G. P. Remedios (E), C. M. Silva (B), J. C. Remedios (F), L. Rosario (F), J. C. Remedios (C), P. M. N. Silva (E), A. F. Noronha (D), A. P. Guterres (B), E. L. Cunha (F), M. A. Guterres (F), H. M. Xavier (F), A. M. Rodrigues (D), F. X. M. Silva (B), M. Mendonca (E), A. H. Hyndman (F), C. C. Pereira (C), A. M. Xavier (C), A. P. Pereira (D), F. V. V. Ribeiro (B), M. F. Pinna (E), B. Basto (B), E. de Sousa (C), P. Yvanovich (D), C. G. Silva (A), C. Roza Pereira (C), J. A. Remedios (D) and O. P. Remedios (C).

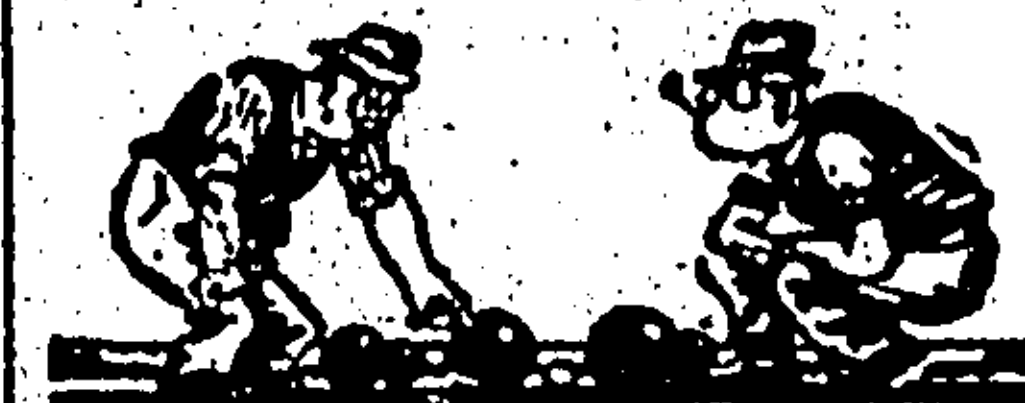
Handicap:—A. plays 26 shots v B 24 C 23 D 20 E 15 F 12 B plays 23 shots v C 23 D 20 E 16 F 13 C plays 23 shots v D 20 E 16 F 13 D plays 21 shots v E 18 F 15 E plays 21 shots v F 15

Pairs Handicap:—C. A. Cunha and C. Roza Pereira (B), C. M. Alves and D. C. Alves (C), H. M. Xavier and F. H. Carvalho (E), B. Alves and A. V. Alves (B), M. Alarcon and L. F. Xavier (B), J. C. Remedios and J. D. Remedios (C), O. P. Basto and C. C. Pereira (C), C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares (A), L. A. Rozario and J. O. Remedios (F), A. M. Prata and M. Mendonca (E), A. M. Xavier and H. R. Pinna (D), J. J. Silva and J. F. Ribeiro (A), J. E. Noronha and G. G. Silva (A), H. A. Alves and E. L. Cunha (C), A. Alves and N. Bel-

trao (E), F. Xavier and C. A. Lopes (C), B. Basto and A. P. Pereira (B), H. A. Botelho and P. M. N. Silva (D), F. Machado and P. Yvanovich (C), C. E. Marques and F. X. Silva (A), A. F. Noronha and A. M. Rodrigues (C), O. P. Remedios and E. de Sousa (C).

Handicap	B	C	D	E	F
A owes	5	7	8	10	12
B owes		4	7	8	10
C owes			4	6	8
D owes				4	7
E owes					5

Singles Championship:—D. C. Alves, F. V. V. Ribeiro, B. Basto, J. F. Ribeiro, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves, F. Xavier, J. E. Noronha, J. A. Luz, L. F. Xavier, A. M. Xavier, C. E. Marques, E. Sousa, C. G. Silva, R. F. Luz, M. Alarcon, J. C. Remedios, C. H. Basto, J. J. Basto, F. X. M. Silva, L. J. Silva, A. H. Hyndman, F. X. Soares, P. A. Yvanovich, C. Roza Pereira.



LAWN BOWLS

VOLUNTEERS BEATEN

In a friendly Lawn Bowls game at King's Park yesterday the Volunteer members of Club de Recreio were beaten by a team from the rest of the members by 12 shots.

VOLUNTEERS	THE REST	
J. A. Remedios	H. R. Pinna	
C. A. Marques	C. M. S. Alves	
A. F. Noronha	C. E. Marques	
H. A. Alves	J. E. Noronha	18
(Skip)	24 (Skip)	
J. A. Luz	Braz Alves	
L. A. Rozario	P. A. Yvanovich	
L. A. Gutierrez	C. A. Lopes	
C. Roza Pereira	F. X. Soares	30
(Skip)	14 (Skip)	
J. D. Remedios	Fred Xavier	
E. L. Cunha	Joe Remedios	
A. M. Xavier	Eddie Sousa	
C. G. Silva	R. F. Luz	24
(Skip)	10 (Skip)	
P. M. N. Silva	M. F. Pinna	
M. Mendonca	A. M. Prata	
J. C. Remedios	L. F. Xavier	
J. F. Ribeiro	F. X. Silva	10
(Skip)	24 (Skip)	
M. Alarcon	C. F. Vas	
D. F. Lopes	E. I. Leitao	
C. M. Silva	A. Guterres	
A. M. Rodrigues	B. Basto	7
(Skip)	23 (Skip)	
D. C. Alves	F. Machado	
J. Fonseca	C. H. Basto	
H. A. Botelho	O. P. Remedios	
F. V. Ribeiro	J. J. Basto	32
(Skip)	14 (Skip)	
Total	109	121



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As in past seasons, the Army Selection Committee cannot look back on the concluding season with any satisfaction, and it is quite clear to the average follower of football that the committee in general have not selected the best material at their disposal and have relied too much on the players who have played consistently in the two Battalion sides in the Senior Division.

Neither Royal Scots nor Middlesex hold prominent positions in the final table and, candidly, they have not upheld the Army reputation for prowess. The majority would agree Middlesex had the better side, although their form of late has left very much to be desired. They have annexed points from one or

two of the leading teams, but have lost against lowly-placed clubs.

They held a decided advantage over the Royals in the half-back line, whilst in the forwards they proved their superiority in the goals registered. Where the Royal Scots were most strongly placed was in defence, possessing a great player in Duncan, their custodian, who has played some splendid games, but is now nearing retirement. The full-backs, Fraser and Naysmith, played brilliantly and were literally the mainstay of the side. The 'evergreen' Fraser, was most impressive, and his capable partner has developed into a first class full-back.

Among the forwards only one

player has really played up to expectations, Hossack. He has had a colossal amount of work to do, and as the result of lack of support had to resort to solo efforts. The remainder of the players although perhaps good individualists, did not blend together into a smooth-playing combination.

With the Army Selection Committee relying on material from these two sides, they neglected the more prominent players in the Junior Divisions who were spotted by the keen Association selectors and given an opportunity in representative games. There is an abundance of talent in the military teams in the Second and Third Divisions, and it is hoped that a number of these

"junior" players will be figuring in the First Division next campaign. The Gunners could field a Royal Artillery team equally as strong as any Battalion side, and they could also run a side that would by no means disgrace the unit in Second Division.

Next season it is to be hoped that the Army Selection Committee will arrange practice games regularly in order that the best team possible be selected and given a fair time to settle down together, a factor so important in winning matches. Only by such action can Army field a team that would seriously challenge the present overwhelming supremacy of the Chinese teams.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 20th April to 30th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1940.

By Order of the Board,
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NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie and Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th April, 1940.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
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Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd May, 1940.

By Order,

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JAPANESE CARRY TERROR INTO SHANGHAI VILLAGES

Shanghai, To-day.

A LONG CORDON of burnt-down villages within a few miles of Shanghai, still smoking, and lifeless apart from howling dogs, affords grim evidence of the Japanese punitive action in reprisal for guerilla raids, writes Reuter's representative, the first foreigner to effect an entry into the strictly guarded zone lying west of the city, off the Tsingpu Road.

The villagers told Reuter's man how Japanese soldiers had set fire to their homesteads and had bayoneted the fleeing people. Several aged men were among the number killed.

Many women and children were wounded.

Many of the bodies are still lying where struck down, unburied.

Piles of charred grain and other foodstuffs and the roasted carcasses of livestock stand as mute witness of the Japanese severity.

"I passed twelve such desolated villages and was informed that there are many others.

PITIALE PLIGHT

"The wounded are in a pitiable plight, unable to get medical assistance as they cannot get passes to

get through the Japanese-manned barriers on the road to Shanghai.

"The villages were burnt during daytime raids, the people declared, adding: The Japanese are afraid to come out at night-time owing to the guerillas."

Although a Japanese military spokesman denied when questioned by Reuter last week that there has any "major operations," saying that the trouble caused by guerillas was negligible, it is obvious that the Japanese have been compelled considerably to tighten up their precautions.

A number of apparently new military posts have been established in the area and a barracks built on Hungjao Aerodrome.

It is believed that the guerillas are making the fullest use of growing crops in harassing small Japanese garrisons on the outskirts of Shanghai.—Reuter.

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These deductions proceed from the firm conviction in the most responsible Allied circles that the Nazis have decided to risk all in an endeavour to force the war to a decision before next winter.

German political leaders are confident that Germany will be able to score a sweeping success over the Allies by the end of the present summer. There is some reason to believe that Hitler, when he laid his plan of operations before Mussolini during the Brenner Pass meeting, managed to carry a large measure of conviction.—Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

According to the military correspondent of "Svenska Dagbladet," the German troops advancing from the Oslo region along the Oslo-Bergen Railway are held in check by Norwegian troops at Naes, to the north-west of Oslo.

This German force is now 85 miles from the other force advancing along the same railway from Bergen, which has captured Voss. If the troops from Oslo break through the present Norwegian resistance, they are faced with a long climb through snow-covered mountains.

All roads from Norway to Sweden except two are now reported to be under German control.—Reuter.

An American, whose name is understood to be L. W. Hunter, residing at the Metropole Hotel, was found outside the lift on the third floor of Exchange Building at about 11.30 a.m. to-day, badly injured.

It is believed that he had sustained a severe fall. He was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

He was a tourist who arrived in Hong Kong from Saigon on Friday. He was waiting for a shipping connection.

At the hospital it was discovered that Mr. Hunter had a severe head wound, and an X-ray examination for fracture is being made.

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